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Jordan clamps down on visits by PLO activists

By YEHUDA LITANI
Post Middle East Editor

Jordan is to impose new restrictions on West Bank and East Jerusalem inhabitants crossing the Jordan River. The restrictions will go into effect next week, reliable sources said last night.

According to the sources the Jordanian government decided recently not to allow into its territory any PLO political activist from the West Bank, East Jerusalem or the Gaza Strip, who took part in an anti-Jordanian campaign over the past two weeks. The campaign got under way immediately after King Hussein delivered a firm statement last month that he was ending all political cooperation with the PLO leadership.

There has been no such drastic step by the Jordanians since the "Black September" crack-down in 1970. On only rare occasions since then have there been restrictions on a very limited number of Palestinians living in the territories. If implemented, the Amman move would constitute a further deepening of the rift between the king and the Fatah leadership. The PLO executive committee is meeting in Tunis to discuss its reaction to Hussein's break with the organization's leadership; a split is apparently evolving within the committee between those - headed by Arafat - who want to try to reestablish ties with the Jordanians and those who think there is no alternative but to break completely with Amman. (See earlier story Page 2)

Camp survivor says Demjanjuk 'not the killer'

BARCELONA (Reuters). - A Spanish survivor of the Treblinka death camp says that John Demjanjuk, being held in Israel, is probably not the man responsible for the mass murders in the camp.

Joaquin Garcia Ribes, 85, who was interned in Treblinka for a month in 1943, said in a story published in the newspaper *Diario de Sabadell* yesterday that while the real camp executioner was a man inmates called "Ivan the Terrible," it was not Demjanjuk.

"I need to make this public to put my conscience at ease," Garcia Ribes said at his home near Barcelona. "Ivan the Terrible died on August 2, 1943, and if they were now to execute John, I would commit suicide if I hadn't spoken out."

Report of contact with Iraq denied

Foreign Ministry sources in Jerusalem last night denied any knowledge of a report emanating from London that Israel Ambassador to the UN Binjamin Netanyahu in the past few days had met with an Iraqi deputy foreign minister in New York.

The spokesman of the Israel delegation at the UN, contacted by *The Jerusalem Post* last night, said the report was completely without foundation.

The report, published initially in the British journal, *Foreign Report* said that Iraq had asked the Egyptian government to approach Israel and, on its behalf, ask for intelligence information about the Iranian army.

On eve of Herut convention

Shamir accedes to Sharon-Levy demand

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. - A little arm-twisting - in the form of a threat to oppose Yitzhak Shamir's election as Herut chairman - has won David Levy and Ariel Sharon a meeting with the vice-premier this morning.

Sharon and Levy will demand that control of party institutions be divided up among the competing sides in advance of Herut's convention, which opens Sunday night. In return, Sharon and Levy will acknowledge Shamir's pre-eminent position and accept him as the party's candidate for prime minister.

Until now, Shamir has refused to meet with the two, in the hope that their informal alliance would break down.

The vice-premier came in for a rude surprise yesterday morning, however, when Levy and Sharon formally constituted their ad hoc alliance in a meeting attended by their top supporters.

The meeting closed with a statement calling for "cooperation and dialogue to ensure a successful convention. If the Shamir-Arens camp persists in refusing to reach such an understanding, then we will join



The emblem of the Herut party's 15th convention.

forces before and throughout the convention."

A Herut source said the statement "constituted an offer Shamir could not refuse."

Sources in the Levy camp told *The Jerusalem Post* that, if Shamir refuses to make a deal today, Sharon and Levy will foil his election as party chairman, a title thus far held exclusively by Menachem Begin. The Sharon-Levy alliance could accomplish this without running a candidate itself simply by tabling a proposal that no one be chosen for the position for the time being.

Until Shamir staged his retreat on the issue yesterday, Sharon had been complaining that Shamir refused to meet with him. On Wednesday alone, he alleged, Shamir turned him down five times.

The party institutions Sharon seeks to divide among the party's competing factions will eventually elect the party's new leader. Their composition is in fact the most crucial business of the convention.

Minister-without-Portfolio Moshe Arens told a press conference here yesterday that, for the time being, he does not plan to run for the party's leadership. "Circumstances may change, but we will cross that bridge when we get to it," he said. He predicted that the actual convention proceedings would be far quieter than the press is suggesting, "though it is clear this will not be a B'tai B'rith gathering."

The Herut executive yesterday recommended that the convention give final ratification to the merger between Herut and the Liberal Party.

Waldheim was not 'cleared' when he joined public service

VIENNA. - A former Austrian security chief said yesterday that Kurt Waldheim was not investigated before he joined his country's Foreign Ministry in 1946. The statement contradicts claims that police at the time cleared the former UN secretary-general of ties with the Nazi Party.

Also yesterday, one of Yugoslavia's leading newspapers accused Waldheim of taking part in Nazi military operations against Yugoslav partisans.

The daily *Vjesnik*, said documents found Wednesday in war archives showed Waldheim was given a high Nazi award for bravery in military action against partisan units in 1942. The article, part of which was carried by the official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug, represented the first comment on the Waldheim controversy by the Yugoslav press. The Yugoslav

The World Jewish Congress said late last night that Kurt Waldheim, when he was UN secretary general, blocked access to UN documents and files on Nazi war criminals sought by an agency of the U.S. Justice Department, JTA reported.

Israel Singer, secretary general of the WJC, told a press conference that the UN has an archive of some 42,000 Nazi war criminals and that access to those files requires special permission from the secretary general.

Foreign Ministry declined to comment.

Waldheim, who is running for president in Austria, has acknowledged serving as an interpreter in the Balkans, but denied that he was ever a member of a Nazi organization.

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Yusef Amin Tahan (centre), the Egyptian-born Israeli sentenced to death in Cairo yesterday for smuggling drugs into Egypt, with his Israeli lawyer Zvi Lidsky, before being taken back to prison. (Reuters)

Bassouny promoted to rank of ambassador

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
The Egypt chargé d'affaires in Israel, Mohammed Bassouny, has been accorded the personal rank of ambassador, according to AFP reports from Cairo. However, he will continue to serve in Israel as chargé d'affaires.

The Israel delegation of directors-general returned from Cairo last night after two days of Taba and normalization talks with Egyptians. The talks are due to resume next week in Herzliya.

Among the subjects discussed during the past two days was the cessation of hostile propaganda. Foreign Ministry sources in Jerusalem noted with satisfaction the publication on Wednesday in the Cairo weekly *Akher Sa'a* of an interview by Egyptian journalist Kamal Zulfikar Shah with Prime Minister Peres. Israeli leaders have very rarely been interviewed in the Egyptian press.

Kremlin gets a 'reform' leadership

MOSCOW (Reuters). - Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday named a reshaped Kremlin leadership at the end of the 27th Communist Party Congress that roundly endorsed his strategy for reform.

Washington envoy Anatoly Dobrynin and a woman-trade-union official were among eight promotions to the senior ranks that reflected Gorbachev's firm grip on the levers of power.

Two veteran figures from the now publicly criticized era of former leader Leonid Brezhnev stepped down.

Setting the seal on the renewal Gorbachev launched when he took office a year ago, the party also announced a 44 per cent change of membership in its policy-making Central Committee.

Winding up the congress, which laid down policy for the next five years, Gorbachev appealed to every citizen to join in the drive "to renew our socialist home."

Applauded by the 5,000 dele-



Uri Avnery (Israel Sun)

Jordan expels Avnery; PM okayed visit

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

Israeli journalist Uri Avnery was expelled to Egypt last night from Jordan after reportedly holding contacts with Jordanian and PLO officials in Amman.

Avnery's trip to Jordan - an enemy country and therefore illegal to visit for Israelis - was approved by Prime Minister Shimon Peres. Avnery flew from Israel to Cairo and thence to Jordan with "all the necessary Interior Ministry permits," according to the Prime Minister's Office, which had informed Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin in advance of the visit.

Speculation in Jerusalem on the reasons for Peres's sanction of the visit revolved around a possible reinvigoration of the peace process with Jordan and the Palestinians or sounding out PLO sources about help in identifying the whereabouts of the two IDF soldiers kidnapped a fortnight ago in Lebanon, reportedly by Shi'ite extremists.

Jordan said it had expelled Avnery because he had given false information to enter the country, Information Minister Mohammed Khatib said.

Avnery, founder and chairman of the Progressive List for Peace Party and editor of the *Ha'olam Hazei* weekly, arrived in Jordan on February 27 with a West German passport.

Avnery said upon his return to Israel at midnight that he had met senior Jordanian and Palestinian personalities, including at least one cabinet minister. He said he was not expelled from the country.

Peres pledge on Project Renewal

By TSIPI KUPER

Prime Minister Peres gave a commitment last night not only to continue Project Renewal, but to expand it in new directions.

"We have to continue with the project, and not limit ourselves to physical restoration and enlarging apartments," he said, speaking at the Knesset at the closing session of the International Conference on Urban Revitalization.

The emphasis will be on developing high-technology plants in development towns and distressed areas, and providing the vocational training necessary for the neighbourhood residents to work in them, Peres said.

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Taxi driver stabbed

BEERSHEBA (Itim). - A taxi-driver was stabbed and critically injured near here last night by two passengers who police believe were terrorists.

At 8 p.m. a taxi pulled up in front of Beersheba's Soroka Hospital, tyres screeching. The driver, Moshe Amsalem, 30, rushed into the emergency room, blood gushing from his chest and stomach, and cried: "They stabbed me."

Doctors found that one of his wounds was in the area of his heart, and rushed him to the operating room.

Late last night the hospital reported that Amsalem's life was still in danger.

Bail-out plan for major concerns still blocked

The first round of talks between top government and Histadrut leaders on rescue schemes for Kupat Holim Clalit and the Histadrut's debt-ridden construction giant, Solel Boneh, ended inconclusively yesterday.

Histadrut leaders and Labour Party ministers are relying on Treasury funds to bail out the organization. But Finance Minister Moda'i is adamant in his demand that the Histadrut sell part of its industrial empire to save its faltering firms and

services, including Kupat Holim.

Attention has begun to focus on charges that the "astronomically high" interest rates charged by the commercial banks were largely responsible for these problems, and led many firms to bankruptcy. The Bank of Israel has come under attack for permitting the banks to charge such interest rates in the hope of increasing their profitability and enabling them to redeem over \$4 billion in government guaranteed bank shares by 1988.

Bank of Israel hurts banks as it seeks to help them

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Bank of Israel's policy of raising the cost of credit boosted the balance sheets of the commercial banks by some \$600 million in the second half of 1985, sources at the central bank estimate. But the same policy forced the banks to write off hundreds of millions of dollars in bad debts accumulated by companies struggling with high interest rates.

In addition, banking sources said, the holders of short-term shekel deposits earned some \$500 million on their assets, mostly at the expense of

Interest-rate charge was 'astronomical'

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Post Labour Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Bank of Israel has agreed to appoint a committee to investigate whether the commercial banks, particularly Bank Hapoalim, had demanded unreasonably high interest rates from the Histadrut's Kupat Holim Clalit over the past year.

The decision to appoint the committee was taken yesterday during a series of heated meetings in the prime minister's office here on the financial crisis in Kupat Holim and the Histadrut's Solel Boneh construction company. It followed a sharp clash between representatives of the Bank of Israel and Bank Hapoalim over who was responsible for setting interest rates.

Participants in the meeting said last night that if the committee found that the rates charged the fund had indeed been too high, part of the money would be returned.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar yesterday described the rates as "astronomical." In one month alone, he told a meeting of the Labour Party's Histadrut caucus, Kupat Holim had been charged interest of 27 per cent.

Yesterday's meetings, which were attended by the heads of Bank Hapoalim, Solel Boneh, Hevrat Ha'Ovdim and Kupat Holim, in addition to Peres, Kessar and Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, ended inconclusively. Further meetings will be held next week, or when Moda'i returns from abroad in 10 days' time.

In principle, all the sides involved accepted the recommendations of the recovery plans for Solel Boneh and Kupat Holim, the former drawn up by Treasury budget director Aharon Fogel and the latter by former budget director Ya'acov Gadish.

In both cases, the proposals recommended adoption of internal efficiency measures by the bodies concerned, as well as government aid in the rescheduling of debts and the raising of capital.

Serious differences of opinion cropped up, however, between the government and the Histadrut over the extent of state aid to Kupat Holim and the sources of the emergency financing that Solel Boneh intends raising.

Moda'i proposed that Hevrat Ha'Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company which owns Solel Boneh, sell its shares in other companies, such as Tadiran and Delek, in order to raise funds. That proposal was rejected by Hevrat Ha'Ovdim



Finance Minister Moda'i

secretary Danny Rosolio, who told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that there was no connection between Solel Boneh and the Tadiran shares held by Koor.

Moda'i and the Histadrut representatives also differed over Fogel's proposal that Bank Hapoalim raise funds for Solel Boneh through a bond issue. The Bank demanded that it be allowed to issue bonds totalling \$80 million, while Moda'i set the limit at \$40m. In all, Solel Boneh is requesting the rescheduling of some \$160m. in short-term debt.

The difference over Kupat Holim centred on the interest rates issue and the demand by Moda'i that the health fund raise an additional \$15m. through a levy on its members. Kessar objected to the demand, proposing instead that the money be raised by means of a health levy on the entire population.

The Histadrut has agreed to Fogel's proposals that the fund dismiss workers, sell off assets and raise membership fees, though it differs with Moda'i over the amounts concerned.

It was announced yesterday that the Histadrut has decided to institute one membership fee for all members, irrespective of their wage levels, as the first step in a recovery programme for Kupat Holim.

As of April 1, the highest two of the current four wage ceilings will be unified at a level of 3.9 per cent of earnings. The other two ceilings will be brought to that level at a later date. The move is expected to produce a saving of \$14-16 million immediately and an annual saving of \$40m. once all the ceilings have been unified.

The move means that membership fees will be raised for most Histadrut members. It was one of the steps

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Fuel prices down; others decontrolled

Lower fuel prices went into effect at midnight last night, bringing prices here into line with those in Europe, the Energy Ministry said.

The price for 96 octane dropped to NIS 0.96 a litre from NIS 1.01, 91 octane to NIS 0.84 from NIS 0.88; kerosene to NIS 0.60 from NIS 0.63; and diesel fuel to NIS 0.57 from NIS 0.60.

The price of cooking gas fell to NIS 9.75 per 12 kilogram balloon from NIS 11.80, while cooking gas provided through a central service dropped to NIS 2.28 per cubic metre from NIS 2.76.

Egypt, which sells Israel two million tons of oil annually, yesterday slashed petroleum prices for the

fourth time this year in an effort to maintain its competitiveness in the crumbling world market.

Prices for its benchmark Suez blend and Ras Bahar grade were cut by \$5 to \$14 a barrel.

The Industry and Trade Ministry announced that, effective today, the price freeze will be lifted on 26 additional consumer and capital goods. In addition, it ordered increases in the controlled prices of seven consumer goods and cuts in the prices of 14 capital goods.

Among the items to be decontrolled are jewelry, raw materials for the chemical industry, pumps, spraying equipment, frozen dough and objects d'art.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear.
Outlook for Sabbath: Hotter and drier.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	57	7-15	17
Golan	56	7-15	17
Nahariya	68	8-19	21
Safad	79	6-12	15
Haifa Port	77	15-18	21
Tiberias	78	12-21	23
Nazareth	76	10-18	19
Afula	70	8-20	22
Shomron	36	8-19	20
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Gaza	72	12-19	21
Beersheba	39	7-22	24
Eilat	19	15-28	30

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Yosef Bar-El, head of Arabic Television, has been named a Knight of the French National Order of Merit by President François Mitterrand, in recognition of his contribution to the promotion of French culture and language in Israel.

Birth

LANDAU - To Judith and Pinhas Landau, a daughter, sister to Shlomzion, Yishai, Mevasseret and Menucha, granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benjamin of Netanya and Mrs. Yardenia Landau of Jerusalem. At Jerusalem's Misgav Ladach Hospital, 21 Adar I 5746 (2 March 1986).

Mubarak to address nation on rebellion

CAIRO (AFP) - President Hosni Mubarak will convene a special meeting of the Egyptian cabinet tomorrow, after which he will report to the nation on the recent riots in which 107 Egyptians were killed and 719 wounded.

Northern settlements to intensify strike

TEL AVIV - Members of four striking settlements along the northern border decided yesterday to intensify their protest strike after Agriculture Minister Arzi Nahmkin reportedly told them he "didn't have an agenda" for them.

Representatives of the four moshavim - Shomera, Netua, Even Menahem and Elkosh - met Nahmkin in Tel Aviv. Afterwards they announced that they would lock

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Tahan sentenced to death for drug smuggling

Jerusalem Post Staff
CAIRO - An Egyptian court yesterday convicted an Israeli, Yosef Amin Tahan, of drug smuggling and sentenced him to death. Tahan's lawyer, Zvi Lidsky, said the verdict would be appealed.

Tahan, an Ashdod resident who was born in Egypt, stood calmly as presiding Judge Adel Sidky read out the verdict and sentenced him to death by hanging.

Lidsky said the defence would appeal to a higher court and seek a

new trial.

Tahan was arrested last August at Cairo International Airport after customs inspectors found 1.25 kilograms of heroin in his baggage.

Tahan, who flew to Cairo from Bombay, said he planned to sell the heroin in Israel.

Egypt began sentencing drug smugglers to death in an attempt to curb its growing narcotics traffic. In addition to Tahan, four Egyptians, one Sri Lankan and a Somali have been sentenced to death for drug

trafficking, but no executions have been carried out.

Tahan, 44, refused to speak with reporters after the sentence was pronounced. He was also ordered to pay a \$7,500 fine.

Under Egyptian law, the defence has 40 days to appeal the sentence to the court of Cassation, the highest tribunal for criminal offences. President Mubarak has the right to grant a pardon after the case has gone through all possible courts.

Israeli diplomats said Tahan was

in poor health, suffering from chronic diabetes. They said Israeli consular officials had been passing along medicine and messages from Tahan's family while he was in jail.

An Israeli spokesman in Jerusalem said the government will wait until the appeal process is completed before seeking clemency for Tahan.

If Tahan's appeal is rejected, the government will decide whether to ask Mubarak to grant clemency, the official said.

\$2.5m. diamond theft brings Exchange to virtual standstill

By YORAM GAZIT
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV - Activity on the Ramat Gan Diamond Exchange has come to a virtual halt, following the theft of \$2.5 million in diamonds and \$100,000 in cash from a merchant's safe last weekend.

The sole employee working in the office where the safe was located has been arrested in connection with the theft, while his employer was detained yesterday morning by police

on suspicion of foreign-currency and income tax violations. The employer, a diamond merchant, had been abroad when the theft occurred.

The diamonds and cash taken from the safe did not belong to the merchant. Diamond merchants at the exchange have unofficially stopped making sales until it becomes clear whose valuables were stolen. The cash and diamonds were used as security in transactions, exchange sources said, and merchants fear

they may be dealing with traders who have no collateral to back up purchases.

The valuables deposited in the merchant's safe are insured for up to \$400,000. Exchange sources said valuables worth more than that are normally deposited at the exchange's main vault when merchants leave for an extended period.

The merchant arrested in connection with the robbery was away in London between last Friday and

Wednesday night. Police suspicion against the employee was only aroused after they discovered that the safe was opened with a duplicate key.

Source told *The Jerusalem Post* that the merchant had been out of the diamond business for several years after the 1983 bank shares crisis, in which he reportedly lost a great deal of money. Before he resumed his large-scale diamond dealing recently, he had been operating a restaurant.

Two IDF vehicles ambushed in Gaza

TEL AVIV - Two IDF vehicles travelling in Gaza were ambushed this week with a charge operated by remote control - a method common in Lebanon but not hitherto employed in this area.

No one was hurt and no damage was caused in the attack, launched shortly before midnight on Wednesday. Defence sources said they did not recall any similar assaults in the Gaza Strip.

Attacks perpetrated in the area commonly involve fire bombs, hand grenades and makeshift devices. Wednesday's assailants had waited some 100 metres from a charge, which they attempted to set off when an IDF jeep and command car approached. The vehicles were safely out of range by the time the device exploded.

Military sources said such sophisticated methods have recently been used in Samaria.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

New Arabic paper makes debut today

Post Middle East Staff

A new Arabic newspaper, *a-Nahar*, is making its debut in East Jerusalem today. The publisher and the editors of *a-Nahar*, which will be published as a weekly at first and later run as a daily, are moderate pro-Jordanian Palestinians.

Osman Halak, publisher and editor-in-chief, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the inhabitants of East Jerusalem and the territories need a moderate newspaper that will reflect the views of the "silent majority" of Palestinians who support peace.

Nun died 'heart-broken' over Mamilla plan

Jerusalem Post Staff

A former mother superior of the St. Vincent de Paul hospice in Jerusalem died of a broken heart after being misled by Mayor Teddy Kollek and the Carta company in charge of the Mamilla Project, according to an application submitted yesterday to the High Court of Justice.

Attorney Roland Roth, representing St. Vincent de Paul, told the court that, in 1973, Mother Superior Dupont-Ferrier agreed to sell several shops belonging to the hospice-convent when she was told by Kollek and Carta that the shops would lose their value when the project was completed.

According to the court application, Dupont-Ferrier was severely reprimanded by the Vatican after the sale, and the St. Vincent de Paul nuns believe she died of a broken heart shortly thereafter.

Contractor held in death of Jerusalem jeweller

A 35-year-old jeweller was stabbed twice in the chest yesterday afternoon, reportedly after an argument over unpaid bills with a contractor renovating his property. Magen David Adom medics found David Avraham, a father of three, dead in his two-room flat in Jerusalem's Mekor Baruch.

The 23-year-old contractor was arrested within an hour of the stabbing, as was a 22-year-old construction worker who is suspected of being an accomplice to the crime. Both men live in the village of Tzur Bacher in the southeastern section of the city.

Police have not yet located the murder weapon, which they believe was a kitchen knife. A forensic team yesterday found a number of prints, and police are fairly certain that no other suspects are involved in the killing.

Maccabi crush Hapoel 140-96

By DON GOULD

TEL AVIV - The only thing more devastating than Maccabi Tel Aviv's 67-point first-half offensive outburst was an electric 73 points in the second period, as the Israeli basketball champions demolished Hapoel Tel Aviv 140-96 at Yad Eliahu here last night.

Maccabi's 44-point winning margin tied the record in a Tel Aviv derby game set back in 1957. The semi-final victory in the first of the three-game series puts them well on course to a place in the National League play-off finals.

Kevin Magee led Maccabi with 40 points and 19 rebounds, with Lee Johnson contributing 31 points and 16 rebounds. Mike Langer had 30 points for Hapoel.

Arafat 'cannot avoid' serious rift with Jordan

Post Middle East Staff

TUNIS - PLO chairman Yasser Arafat wants to avoid an irrevocable split between his organization and Jordan, but such a break is unavoidable because King Hussein has questioned the legitimacy of the PLO's current leadership. This was the view of informed Palestinian sources here yesterday.

The PLO's executive committee and the central committee of Arafat's Fatah movement began meeting here on Tuesday to discuss how the PLO should respond to Hussein's suspension of talks with the PLO on Middle East peace efforts. But the differences that surfaced in the meetings are expected to delay a decision on how the organization should respond.

Arafat's view that a split with Jordan should be avoided is shared by Abu Jihad (Khalil al-Wazir), his second in command. Abu Jihad believes that such a break would help Israel to implement its plan of creating an "alternative homeland" for Palestinians in Jordan, the sources said.

Project Renewal refuses \$100,000 allocation

By MYRA NOVECK
For The Jerusalem Post

The government's Project Renewal coordinator, Hagit Hovav, has refused to accept \$100,000 that the Finance Ministry earmarked for Jerusalem Project Renewal neighbourhoods. The \$100,000 would have compensated for drastic cuts planned in funding of Project Renewal neighbourhoods.

Project Renewal sources claimed that Hovav's refusal is politically motivated since her boss, Housing and Construction Minister David Levy, doesn't want to see Prime Minister Peres get the credit for helping the neighbourhoods.

The affair began two months ago when local steering and neighbourhood committee chairmen were informed that the budget for government-sponsored Project Renewal programmes would be cut by 25 per cent. (Jewish Agency programmes in the Project Renewal framework are budgeted separately.)

Neighbourhood steering committees refused to begin planning for the new fiscal year that begins April 1 until they receive an explanation of the cuts.

Neighbourhood leaders and Mayor Teddy Kollek turned to Peres for help. Peres's new adviser on social welfare, Dr. Haim Ilouz-Ayalon, asked the prime minister for the \$100,000, and his request was granted. But Hovav has refused to accept the money.

Ilouz-Ayalon confirmed the story. "I can't understand why money that would allow important projects to continue cannot be accepted," he said.

Refuting these charges, Housing and Construction Ministry spokesman Aliza Goren said they hadn't accepted the money because they objected to the prime minister specifying what programmes the budget was to cover.

Goren, in fact, denied there had been any cut in the government

Ramle escapee caught

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rishon LeZion police yesterday evening apprehended an escaped prisoner from the Ma'asiyahu prison in Ramle after an extended chase. Avinoam Hajbe, 25, of Kfar Arie, escaped Wednesday night from the open prison, apparently by climbing over the 2.5-metre fence around the prison. He was the fourth prisoner to escape from Israel's most liberal prison in less than a month.

Hajbe, a long-time drug addict, was sentenced in November 1985 to 19 months' imprisonment on fraud and drug charges. He had been receiving daily doses of Adolan to curb his need for heroin.



This World War II photo, released by the World Jewish Congress, purportedly shows former UN secretary-general Kurt Waldheim (far right) looking on as German General Alexander Loehr (looking down) goes over war plans in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. The WJC says Waldheim, now running for president of Austria, was present at two places where large-scale German extermination operations were carried out. Loehr was hanged for war crimes in 1947. (AFP/World Jewish Congress)

SLA soldier dies in Lebanon blast

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA - A South Lebanese Army soldier was killed and three SLA were wounded yesterday when a large roadside charge exploded in Bint Jbail in the South Lebanon security zone.

The SLA retaliated by shelling villages north of the security zone, using tanks, cannon and mortars. The villages shelled included Shakra, Sultaniye, Tibnin, Harif, and Hadata. Shells also landed near the port of Tyre, wounding two people, and near Unifil and Red Cross headquarters in Tyre.

The roadside charge exploded during a search by an SLA patrol. SLA soldiers also shot at three suspicious figures west of Taibe in the security zone yesterday, killing one man who was armed with a LAW missile, RPGs and other weapons.

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Car-bombing foiled by engine trouble

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV - Terrorists attempted to place a car-bomb in Beersheba last month but failed because their car broke down, well-placed sources said yesterday.

The terrorists loaded the car with 20 kilos of explosives, but it broke down at the northern entrance to Hebron. The driver and passengers left the car, and a local resident who suspected it had been stolen reported it to police.

The investigation led to three people, who have reportedly confessed.

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IPO shake-up

TEL AVIV - A major management shake-up occurred at the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra last night, as the Players' Cooperative voted to replace two of the three members of the management committee.

The annual general meeting of the cooperative voted Yehoshua Pasternak (trombone) and Zvi Litvak (viola) to the committee, replacing Daniel Benyamini and Elhanan Bregman.

Benyamini, who chaired the committee, resigned shortly before the election, while Bregman, who was not re-elected to the committee, was made chairman of the Players Council.

Ramle escapee caught

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rishon LeZion police yesterday evening apprehended an escaped prisoner from the Ma'asiyahu prison in Ramle after an extended chase. Avinoam Hajbe, 25, of Kfar Arie, escaped Wednesday night from the open prison, apparently by climbing over the 2.5-metre fence around the prison. He was the fourth prisoner to escape from Israel's most liberal prison in less than a month.

Hajbe, a long-time drug addict, was sentenced in November 1985 to 19 months' imprisonment on fraud and drug charges. He had been receiving daily doses of Adolan to curb his need for heroin.

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of my dear wife, our sister and aunt

ERIKA ELKAYEM ♀
née Levinson

The funeral will take place today, Friday, March 7, 1986, at 11 a.m., at the old cemetery, Hof Hacarmel, Haifa. We will meet at the old gate on the Haifa-Tel Aviv road. A bus will be available at 10.30 a.m. at the deceased's home, 121 Sderot Moriah.

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Her Husband, Sisters and Family

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Dr. ARIEL I. GOLDBERG ♀

we shall set the stone and hold a memorial service at the Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem, at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 1986. We shall meet at the parking lot of Har Hamenuhot. Tel. 02-635918

THE FAMILY

On the thirtieth day after the passing of my dear wife

EVA GLESINGER ♀

there will be an unveiling of the tombstone in the Kibbutz Sarid cemetery on Thursday, March 13, 1986, at 3 p.m.

Gary Glesinger, Husband.

On the thirtieth day after the passing of our dear

BEN-ZION DORFAN

there will be a graveside memorial service and unveiling of the tombstone on Monday, March 10, 1986, at 3 p.m. in the Hof Hacarmel cemetery.

The Family

Spring is abloom, and a Blum is sprung: it's a girl! Talya, born March 4, 1986 in Jerusalem, sister to Maayan and Yoni. Pam and Bill thank all of our precious family and friends, and especially the devoted staff of Misgav Ladach Hospital, for a solid group effort. Your love and support kept us going.

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For further information, the Pecks can be reached at the Tel Aviv Hilton on March 9, 10 and 11 Only.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Behare and Mrs. Agnes Garry announce the marriage of their children

Viviane and Bruno
Brussels February 28, 1986

Haifa workers in rally to support Vulcan strikers

By DAVID RUDGE
HAIFA - Works committees from throughout the region took part in a solidarity rally with striking workers of Vulcan Foundries at the bayside plant here yesterday.

The participants, including representatives of Solel Boneh, the Israel Shipyards, Vulcan Engineering, the Oil Refineries and the nearby Phoenicia Glassworks, pledged their full support for the foundries' employees whose strike is now entering its eighth day.

The Rom Carmel tin factory of Tirat HaCarmel was the only plant from the Urdan group, which also owns Vulcan Foundries, to be represented at the rally.

Masud Elimelech, works committee chairman of Rom Carmel, accused the Urdan management of putting pressure on workers at its other factories to stop them from co-operating with the Vulcan strikers.

Arafat may attend Palme's funeral

By Post Diplomatic Correspondent
PLO chairman Yasser Arafat may attend the funeral of assassinated Swedish premier Olof Palme in Stockholm at the end of next week.

The PLO has been formally invited to the funeral ceremony, and observers in Jerusalem think it likely that Arafat will use the occasion to appear among the host of national leaders who are expected to attend.

Israel is thought unlikely to protest against the invitation to the PLO but, should Arafat indeed show up, Israeli representatives may stay away from the funeral.

It was still uncertain last night whether Prime Minister Peres would go to Stockholm for the funeral. (See page 4)

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Early birds will get the Comet

By GERSHOM GORENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Halley's Comet has returned to Israel's skies, but for the next few weeks you'll have to get up before dawn to see it.

Tel Aviv University astronomer Elia Leibowitz says that during March star-gazers should look for the comet a half-hour to an hour before dawn in the southeastern sky, about 20 degrees above the horizon.

Since the comet is low in the sky, the best spots are those with no buildings blocking the view to the east and southeast. City dwellers will get their best look if they go to a spot east of town, Leibowitz says, so that the city lights are behind them and the eastern sky is dark.

But even in the city, "if you have the right direction, darkness and open view, you can see it without any problem," he says.

The comet appears with its head down and tail up, though conditions will determine how much detail you'll see. Leibowitz says that with

binoculars you may sight two tails - one straight, another more to the right and curved.

The comet is now travelling away from the sun, with its tails preceding its head. Leibowitz noted that it would have been most spectacular when it was closest to the sun. But the earth was far from the comet at that time, and we missed the show. When the comet appeared last, in 1910, the earth was nearby when the comet closed in on the sun, so earth-bound viewers had front-row seats and saw a much brighter pageant.

Ilan Manulis, head of the amateur Israeli Astronomical Association, says the best two "windows" for viewing Halley's Comet are March 8-22 and April 6-19. During these periods, the moon's light will not interfere with seeing the comet; during the April period, the comet will also be visible in the evening.

Leibowitz warns, however, that from April 5-15 the comet will appear very low on the horizon, easily hidden by buildings, clouds or

dust. From April 16 on there will be somewhat more moonlight, but the moon will set towards midnight.

On Saturday, March 22, from 2:30 to 4:30 a.m., the association is holding a public viewing at the Givatayim municipal observatory, in Gan Aliya Shnia on the corner of Rehov Hamer and Rehov Golomb. Manulis promises that a number of telescopes will be available, as well as people who will explain where to look and what you are seeing.

Following are some sample times and locations provided by Manulis for finding the comet. The time given is when the comet will rise; the azimuth numbers work like compass points, with 0 for due north, 90 for east, and 180 for south.

March 8: 3:43 a.m., azimuth 112;
March 15: 3:10 a.m., azimuth 117;
March 22: 2:35 a.m., azimuth 123;
April 5: 12:40 a.m., azimuth 145;
April 12: 9:33 p.m., azimuth 149;
April 20: 5:27 p.m., azimuth 130.

Haim Shapiro interviews the Ashkenazi religious leader

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapiro is concerned about the image of the Chief Rabbinate. He realizes that it is slipping, but he has no idea what to do about it.

Journalists, in his view, are "mostly leftists." There are no really religious journalists and they "see us with a jaundiced eye." When the rabbis answer the allegations made against them, or deny some of the more outrageous statements which are attributed to them, the media don't believe them, and don't bother to print their replies, "so we don't bother to answer any more."

The chief rabbi vigorously rejected the impression, current in some religious circles, that he and Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu were more concerned about how a small circle of mostly ultra-Orthodox yeshiva heads and rabbis from Mea She'arim react to their views than how they appear to the general public. "They [the rabbis of Mea She'arim] are religious, anyway. We're concerned with those who don't know."

Like many of his predecessors, Shapiro does not speak of "secular" Jews, but only of Jews who "observe fewer mitzvot." In this category he includes even those who have contact with religion only three times in their lives, at their circumcision, their marriage and their funeral.

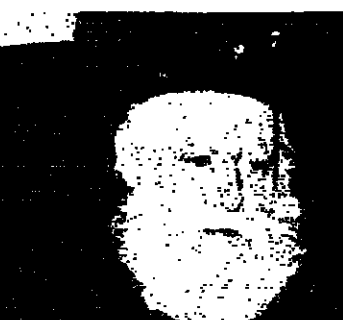
But despite his concern with the non-religious public, a large part of the chief rabbi's time is taken up with replying to private queries from more observant Jews. The problems often arise when such replies are made public.

Thus, in reply to a question from a yeshiva student as to whether he should remain for another year at his regular yeshiva or immediately go to a hesder yeshiva, the chief rabbi wrote that "whatever increases study of Torah is preferable," adding that in any case the student should consult his own rabbi. In the subsequent report, in *Ha'aretz*, the final instruction was omitted, thus giving the impression that Shapiro was advising students not to enter hesder yeshivot.

But just as damaging as the omission, in his view, was the publication of a private letter which was a response to a private question. Such an answer, he says, depends on the circumstances, the character of the student, his progress in his studies. "For one there is one answer, for another, another answer."

This is far different from, say, his

Chief Rabbi complains of media bias



Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapiro
(Isaac Hanari)

view on meetings between Jewish and Arab youngsters, which he opposes. It is up to the teacher to inculcate humanitarian ideals, he says, adding that such meetings can sometimes aggravate, rather than reduce, tension between Jews and Arabs. He cited one instance in which some Jewish pupils at a school where such a meeting was held, taunted both the Arabs and Jews participating with calls of PLO.

But on a related issue, Shapiro's supposed politicking against the proposed law against racial incitement, which one paper reported, the chief rabbi issues a flat and outright denial. "An honest journalist would first lift up the telephone [to ask if the report was true] and then distort. In this case he didn't even bother to lift up the phone."

The chief rabbi was surprised to hear that there are those who feel that he hates non-Jews. He recalls with pride that he is a seventh-generation sabra and both he and his forebears lived with Arabs as neighbors in peace and without intermarriage. True, he adds, he and his young peers had little to do with Arabs because they were busy studying all day. Most of the contacts were among their mothers.

"They [the Arabs] are citizens and we cannot force them out of the country," he says. As for Kahane, the Chief Rabbinate Council over a year ago passed a resolution to the effect that the views of the Kach leader were "not acceptable." Asked why this decision was never made public, the chief rabbi simply lifts his hands and shrugs.

Concerning another group of non-Jews, the Christian churches, Shapiro upholds their right to have their

institutions in the Holy Land, but he stresses that such rights should not be extended to missionaries and that he would like to see a law against missionary activity (rather than the present law which only forbids offering material enticement for such purposes or attempts to convert minors).

As for the arguments that the Jewish people are strong enough to withstand the arguments of missionaries, Shapiro answers, "We aren't worried about the religious Jews, they are strong enough, but about the non-religious youth, who don't know enough."

But even when it comes to missionaries, he is against fighting them with violence, as he opposes all violence. Indeed, he feels that whatever violence there is in ultra-Orthodox circles is the action of fringe elements, whom the rabbis cannot control. He is convinced that even the most extreme of the ultra-Orthodox rabbis would stop violence if they could.

Meanwhile, despite the apparent lack of communication, he still makes the effort. Thus a request by a group of Hashomer Hatzair youngsters to meet with him was welcomed and the meeting is to take place next week.

But the problem with the press is evidently more complex. For example, about a fortnight ago, Rabbi Shapiro was quoted on the front page of *Yediot Aharonot* as saying that religious Jews in Israel felt like the Jews had in Nazi Germany. When queried about it the next day, the chief rabbi explained that he had not made this outrageous statement, but had referred to a feature in the National Religious Party's daily *Ha'cofe* of the same week, which compared some of the anti-religious comments by Israeli journalists and others to those of Nazi leaders and Kahane.

This week, long after the article had become past history, Shapiro's aides were still discussing the wording of a letter to *Yediot Aharonot*. At that pace the problem of the chief rabbi's image is likely to be around for some time to come.

Dutch with bulbs in Israel on tour

The Netherlands Israel Committee, a Dutch group that provides Jerusalem with tulip bulbs as an expression of solidarity with Israel, is currently touring this country. In 1986, Jerusalem will be graced by as many as 250,000 flowers.

Russians make it harder for activists

By MOSHE KOHN

A large number of Soviet Jews applying for exit visas to Israel on the grounds of family reunification have been told that only spouses are now being permitted to leave the Soviet Union under this scheme, according to Soviet Jewry activists here.

This is one of a number of recent developments, particularly since the opening of the 27th Soviet Communist Party Congress last week, that indicate worsening conditions for Soviet Jews, the activists say.

The report about the new refusals was conveyed to the Jerusalem-based Soviet Jewry Education and Information Center (SJEIC) by the Chicago Action for Soviet Jewry (CASJ). Activists of the latter have spoken by phone to contacts in the Soviet Union. Since the Congress began, local activists have managed to get only one brief phone call through, to Leningrad on February 27.

The current refusals include, for the second time, Alla Sud, sister of SJEIC spokesman Yuri Shtern, her husband, Lev, and Shtern's parents and his 86-year-old maternal grandmother.

Another new regulation stipulates that people leaving with a permit to go to Israel must relinquish their Soviet citizenship, and must pay 500 roubles to do so. People leaving for other destinations may apply to retain their Soviet citizenship, and have to pay only 50 roubles.

In another development, Tatiana Zushnain was scheduled to start a hunger strike in Riga yesterday in protest against the treatment of her husband, Zachar, 34, who was sentenced to three years in a labour camp in June 1984 for "disseminating anti-Soviet propaganda." He is serving his sentence in Irkutsk, where he has so far spent about half of his time in a punishment cell and internal prison and is not permitted to receive visitors.

'Road to peace not through concessions, but power'

IN PERSON

By BENNY MORRIS

For Sara Doron, for the time being and the foreseeable future, peace is an illusion, a mirage. "I don't live with a feeling that we must act or do something [to trigger a peace process]," says Doron, one of the Likud's two women MKs.

Doron, who is a member of the Liberal faction, was a minister without portfolio in Menachem Begin's second government. She believes that "there is nothing to do now. Why are we feeling so pressed in the matter? We're playing chess with ourselves."

She doesn't believe that the Arabs, any of them, really want to make peace with Israel, and certainly not on terms acceptable to the Likud. They'll make peace, she says, once they realize "we are too strong to defeat." The road to peace runs not through concessions - a recipe for disaster - but through overwhelming power and the Arabs' sense of impotence.

She doesn't feel all that comfortable about the occupation in the

territories. But in the absence of a political solution, she says, "Israel should raise the standard of living [in the territories]. And we've already done a lot in this sphere."

Unlike many of her colleagues in the Likud, her attachment to the West Bank is strategic rather than historical-sentimental or religious. "For me, the key word is survival," she says. I suggest that most IDF ex-generals support territorial compromise of some sort. She says: "We saw how the generals performed in 1973. There are some basic [strategic] things that one must make up one's mind about alone."

She came to Israel as a child from Kovno, Lithuania, and has been an MK since 1977. She has a rough voice, smokes continuously and is very pleasant. She is a member of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

She has voted as a Liberal on such issues as "Who is a Jew" (against), but is indistinguishable from a Herutnik on foreign affairs, she tells me. "The Palestinian problem? That's not the problem. The problem is that they [the Arabs] want to destroy us. If we make concessions, we'll be thrown into the sea."

She is a bit uneasy about the Leba-



Sara Doron (Uzi Kerem)

non war but stresses that it's too early to properly assess its results. The Syrians emerged far weaker and the PLO was broken, she says. "We didn't hurt the terrorists enough," she says at one point, but then relapses into ambiguous silence.

Her priorities, she tells me, are Syria - "the only physical threat to Israel's existence" - and Egypt, where the recent troubles have highlighted the vulnerability of the Mubarak regime. "The uprising cannot be explained by economics, or economic factors alone," she says. She adds that she is afraid that Mubarak may be "swept up by fundamentalist thinking." The Palestinians, the West Bank and Gaza come a weak third in her order of priorities. She is suspicious and dismissive of the talk about autonomy, but says that "as a liberal I have never wanted to interfere in the religious or daily lives of the inhabitants."

Party clash delays 1-shekel banknote

Next Friday will mark a full year in which the Bank of Israel has been without the Advisory Council provided for in the Bank of Israel Law.

The reason is the dispute between the Likud and the Alignment over who will be appointed chairman of the council.

The prime minister is said to favour Zalman Shoval, of Yigael Hurvitz's Ometz list, while other Alignment leaders are backing Adi Amorai. But the Alignment might pass both of them up and name an Agudat Yisrael man.

This would be either Shlomo Lorincz, former Knesset Finance Committee chairman, or Avraham Shapiro, the present chairman, who is still said to be a candidate despite the conflict of interest involved in one man's holding both these posts.

One of the things the central bank may not do without the council's approval is issue banknotes of a new denomination. There are others, like giving the bank more flexibility in fixing interest rates, but we won't go into that.

In order to fill the legal vacuum, the Knesset last July substituted "approval of the government" wherever the law requires the council's approval for an action of the bank.

The drafters of that amendment (which is Paragraph 33 of the Law on Emergency Arrangements in the State Economy) never dreamed that there would still be no advisory council by the end of the calendar year, and they limited the validity of the change to December 31, 1985.

Now the bank is eager to issue a NIS 1 banknote to replace those tiny coins of that denomination which are always getting lost and which are hard to distinguish in bad light from the one-aga coin.

On Wednesday, the government tabled a bill in the Knesset extending the validity date of the amendment to March 31. And it really was in a hurry.

KNESSET SPOTLIGHT

Aryeh Rubinstein

It got the House Committee to waive the waiting period for the first reading (two days after tabling) and for the second and third readings (one day after tabling by the committee). For some reason or other, it was Energy Minister Moshe Shahal who presented the bill.

Shahal seems to have communicated the government's haste to Speaker Shlomo Hillel, who passed the word to Deputy Speaker Abaron Nahmias to move up the bill from the last item on the day's agenda to between the first and second. But no one bothered to inform the members who were in the chamber or the change the agenda order on the blackboard outside the entrance.

All this led to an "incident," in which Mordechai Bar-On (Citizens Rights Movement) charged Nahmias with "shutting the mouths" of Knesset members. And Bar-On certainly had a good case.

As soon as Nahmias called on Shahal to present the bill, Bar-On made his way from his remote seat and told Deputy Knesset Clerk Shoshana Kerem that he wished to speak in the debate.

But Shahal was too quick for him. His presentation of the bill took just 30 seconds. As soon as Shahal finished, Nahmias, ignoring the Bar-On conversation with Kerem that was still in progress right under his nose, announced:

"Since no members are registered to speak, we shall proceed to the vote. Those in favour? Those against? The bill is referred to the Finance Committee."

An incredulous Bar-On asked what kind of trick this was. He said it was scandalous that the government had left the bank without the council for a whole year. And now he could

not even say this from the podium! But Nahmias, who is head and shoulders above most of the other deputy speakers, nodded this time. Again and again, he repeated his justification for having denied Bar-On the floor:

"Your name does not appear on the sheet before me. Look for yourself and tell me if your name is there."

If there ever was a steam-roller job in the Knesset, this was it. All about the ministries

It is now the time of the year when the Knesset, as part of the debate on the State Budget, hears one or two ministers a week speak on their ministry's achievements and goals, and then debates the subject.

The minister's report has become a ritual, and seems to get more boring each year. Emphasis, of course, is on the tremendous accomplishments of the ministry, and most of the statistics that usually decorate the report are old-hat. So are most of the plans the minister "reveals" to the Knesset.

The minister's spokesman generally helps the Knesset reporters (and thus improves the chances that the speech will be reported) by distributing either the text of the speech or a summary of the high points (ranging from two pages to five). Most liked by the press, of course, are the spokesmen who pass out both, so that any subject in the summary that attracts the reporter's interest can be expanded by reference to the full text.

This year something new happened. When Labour and Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katsav spoke on Tuesday, his spokesman passed out what seemed to be the text of the speech but wasn't.

A brief note explained, "Dear Journalist," it said, "attached are the important passages from the 1986/87 budget speech of the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Mr. Moshe Katsav." It ran to 27 pages.

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Two suspects released

'Foreigner' sought in Palme murder

STOCKHOLM (Reuters). — Police were looking for a dark man of Middle Eastern or South European appearance yesterday in the hunt for the killer of Prime Minister Olof Palme after putting together an "Identikit" picture of the main suspect.

Minutes after the electronically-composed picture was made public, hundreds of callers jammed the switchboard of police headquarters with tips about the possible identity of the foreign-looking suspect.

The picture showed a young man with thick black hair, dark deep-set eyes, a long straight nose, high cheekbones and a thin mouth.

It was assembled by West German police specialists working through-out the night with a 22-year-old artist

who saw him running away from the scene of the murder on Friday night.

The investigation itself seemed to be focusing increasingly on possible Kurdish involvement in the killing of Palme, who was shot in Stockholm's main street soon after leaving a cinema with his wife.

The police have offered a \$70,000 reward for information leading to the killer's arrest.

The conservative daily *Svenska Dagbladet* said in a front-page article that the security service had pinpointed the extreme left-wing Kurdish Workers' Party as the most likely group to have killed Palme.

Police say the killing was carried out by a "professional gangster of the type hired to kill by terrorist groups and others."

Danish police briefly detained two Yugoslavs on a ferry from Sweden after a Swedish customs officer said he thought one of them resembled the suspect, but it turned out to be a false lead.

The "Identikit" description was the first indication that the police were looking for a man of foreign origin.

Sweden's Minister of Immigration and the Speaker of Parliament expressed fears last weekend of an anti-immigrant backlash should Palme's killer turn out to be a foreigner.

Palme's successor, acting prime minister Ingvar Carlsson, quickly contradicted them, saying democracy in Sweden was stronger than this.



A police patrol questions a man in front of the West German Embassy in Lima, Peru on Wednesday after a mob of striking workers from the German pharmaceutical firm Bayer placed posters on the embassy building accusing the plant manager of being a Nazi. (AFP telephoto)

FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

Soviets kill 17 Afghan rebels in helicopter raid

ISLAMABAD (Reuters). — Soviet helicopter-borne commandos killed at least 17 Afghan rebels while flushing out their mountain stronghold near Kandahar, guerrilla sources said yesterday.

Many rebels were also wounded in the three-day operation, which the official Radio Kabul reported Wednesday night as a victory, they said.

About 4 helicopters attacked Chagnay, 60 kilometres northeast of Kandahar, last Thursday and pounded the hideout until all surviving rebels fled, the sources in the Pakistani city of Quetta said. The troops mined the area before retreating.

Radio Kabul said the commandos seized 20 heavy machine guns and a ground-to-ground missile launcher from the base.

Britain seeks to make extradition less stringent

LONDON (Reuters). — The British government proposed tough new laws yesterday designed to make it easier to extradite foreigners wanted for crimes abroad and to clamp down on criminals carrying guns.

The Criminal Justice Bill, a response to growing public concern about crime, aims to end the requirement that foreign governments seeking extradition must persuade the courts that there is a case against the suspects in British law. Foreign governments, particularly Spain, have long been unhappy with Britain's stringent extradition requirements.

The bill, expected to go before Parliament after November, also proposes increasing prison sentences that can be imposed on people carrying guns to commit crimes from 14 years to life.

Duvalier moved from Alps to southern France

TALLOIRES, France (AP). — Deposed Haitian president Jean-Claude Duvalier, sequestered in an Alpine hotel for the past month, is being moved to a new residence in southern France, about 40 kilometres from Nice, Duvalier's lawyer said yesterday.

French authorities originally accepted the ousted president for a week until a new home in exile for him could be found, but Duvalier has said since that he wants to remain in France.

Duvalier was served yesterday morning with a notice expelling him from Talloires and putting him under a form of house arrest on the Riviera.

Defendant in Mafia trial swallows nails

PALERMO (Reuters). — A trial of 468 alleged Mafia gangsters in Palermo was suspended yesterday after one of the defendants ate two nails and set off a metal detector.

Officials said Vincenzo Sinagra, 34, apparently swallowed the nails just before entering a tunnel that links Palermo's Ucciardone Prison with a fortified courtroom built specially for the biggest trial of Mafia suspects.

Sinagra, accused of 13 murders, was searched after he set off the detector, and when nothing was found he was X-rayed in the prison infirmary, where the nails were detected. He then returned to the court but apparently fainted and was taken to hospital.

Nato exercise cancelled after avalanche deaths

OSLO (AP). — The death toll in an avalanche that buried members of a Norwegian ski patrol rose to 12 and officials yesterday called off a North Atlantic Treaty Organization exercise in the area.

Another four men still were missing after the avalanche in northern Norway, military officials said.

Rescuers continued to search for the missing soldiers a day after the avalanche struck 31 members of a Norwegian ski patrol. The 15 other soldiers were injured but survived. No foreign soldiers were hurt.

Tanker carries live missile from gulf to Bombay

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — A live missile was found in an oil tanker which docked in Bombay last month after being attacked in the Persian gulf, the Indian parliament was told yesterday.

Minister of State for Defence Arun Singh said an AS-12 missile was found on February 7 in a hold of the Singapore-registered tanker Tomoe III which had been attacked off Iran on January 20.

Iranian brings 12-year-old bride to Manchester

LONDON (Reuters). — Police said yesterday they are investigating whether an Iranian student who brought his 12-year-old bride to Britain is violating laws forbidding sexual intercourse with a minor.

El Am Bahrani is going to school in Manchester, where she is living with her 27-year-old husband Mohsen Nikbahi.

Conservative parliamentarian Geoffrey Dickens, who campaigns against child abuse, has called on the government to prosecute Nikbahi for a "monstrous violation of our laws to protect children."

Austrian Jews fear Waldheim backlash

By ILONA HENRI

Jerusalem Post Correspondent VIENNA. — The small Austrian Jewish community fears that a wave of anti-Semitism will follow the Waldheim affair.

Daily allegations regarding the Austrian presidential candidate have created a negative public reaction especially toward the involvement of the World Jewish Congress, which has published many of the reports on Waldheim's alleged Nazi past.

Jewish fears are not exaggerated, judging from the daily papers. *Die Presse*, considered a liberal paper, wrote that the campaign against Waldheim is "infamous." The paper said it counts on Austrian solidarity for Waldheim and a "rejection of foreign involvement."

The mass circulation *Kurier* believes Waldheim's chances for election have been enhanced by the allegations. "If Waldheim survives this campaign, without having to admit that he lied, then his chances for election have grown tremendously," the paper said. "Probably the truth would not ruin him: a president

who joined the SA (*Sturmabteilung*) at 19 may not be ideal, but would be accepted by the majority of Austrians. Maybe Waldheim should retreat for a few hours... (and) think about how to eliminate these obscure pieces of information."

Jews here feel that WJC president Edgar Bronfman did a disservice to the community. The elections are an internal affair, they say. If the Austrians want to elect Waldheim, it should be their decision without any Jewish help, either from the outside or from Austria itself.

The concern of Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal with the past of every Austrian politician is not appreciated, particularly during an election campaign. The feeling is that since Wiesenthal is known to be anti-Socialist, he may not be without bias.

The Jewish community feels that if information about Waldheim's past was known while he was UN Secretary-General, Jews abroad should have acted then, but not now, at the expense of the local community in Austria.

Mandela office firebombed

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — A fire yesterday destroyed the headquarters of a group working for the release of jailed black leader Nelson Mandela, and a group leader blamed security police.

Aubrey Mokoena, publicity secretary of the Release Mandela Committee, said a bomb went off at 4 a.m. in the two-room office in central Johannesburg, setting a fire that demolished furniture, files,

stacks of T-shirts and posters.

Elsewhere, four blacks were reported killed overnight in unrest around South Africa, including two shot by police during 18 incidents of stone-throwing and arson in eight black townships.

A spokesman at police headquarters in Pretoria said of the accusation, "We regard it as absolutely ludicrous. We don't set fire to buildings."

Condemned man to auction right to watch his execution

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP). — A convicted murderer sentenced to die by lethal injection in Texas plans to auction seats for his execution, and says that he will describe his own death for the witnesses.

"I'm going to be narrating my death when I die," Roger Degarmo said in an interview with a U.S. news agency. "I'm going to narrate this whole thing down to the point where I can't talk any more to show I'm an experimental animal."

"That's the way I'm going to go

out. They will know whether it hurts when that stuff hits my veins. They will know how long it takes and what it's doing to me inside mentally," he said.

Degarmo, 31, is scheduled to die on March 12 for the murder of a 20-year-old Houston woman.

He has announced plans to auction off three of the five witness seats a condemned man is allowed in the death chamber. Seven people have offered bids, he said, two for as much as \$1,500.

Reagan rebuffed on aid to 'Contras'

WASHINGTON (AP). — Congress dealt President Reagan another defeat yesterday in the fight over whether to provide \$100 million in aid to the U.S.-backed guerrillas who are battling the leftist govern-

ment in Nicaragua.

The Democratic-controlled House of Representatives Appropriations Committee, by voice vote, refused to approve Reagan's request for the aid.



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SPORTS

Spain's footballers shine

PARIS (AFP). — It was a good night to be Spanish as teams completed their first-leg quarter-final matches in the various European competitions on Wednesday night.

Real Madrid scored a comfortable 3-nil home win over Neuchatel of Switzerland in the UEFA Cup. Atletico Madrid came away from Yugoslavia with a 0-2 victory over Red Star in the Cupwinners Cup, and in the Championships Cup Barcelona won the first round of their "Clash of Giants" with defending champions Juventus of Italy, 1-0.

It was a magnificent goal from Julio Alberto eight minutes from time which gave Barcelona victory in the night's most eagerly-awaited encounter.

Whether a single goal will be enough to see the Spaniards into the semi-finals when they travel to Turin for the return match with the defending champions in two weeks' time remains to be seen.

Barcelona certainly showed enough fire and talent to ward the Italians not to underestimate their task in Turin. Playing in front of 120,000 partisan spectators at the Non Camp stadium, Juventus looked to be heading for a goalless draw when Alberto struck with a superb 30-

metre drive which left the diving Taccardi no chance.

The goal heralded a trustful fighting finish by Barcelona and left the Italian fans and officials looking increasingly anxious as their players desperately sought up non-stop pressure.

Juventus manager Giovanni Trapattoni admitted: "Before the kick-off I would have thought a 1-0 result for Barcelona tonight was a good result for us. But now I am not so sure. Our midfield were exhausted at the end and Barcelona showed that they are one of the best sides in Europe."

RESULTS
Champions Cup: Bayern Munich (W. Germany) 2, Anderlecht (Belgium) 1; Barcelona (Spain) 1, Juventus (Italy) 0; Aberdeen (Scotland) 2, IFK Goteborg (Sweden) 2; Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 0, Konyaspor (Turkey) 0.
Cupwinners Cup: Rapid Vienna (Austria) 1, Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 4; Dukla Prague (Czech) 1, Benfica (Portugal) 1; Borussia Dortmund (E. Germany) 2, Bayer Uerdingen (W. Germany) 0; Red Star (Yugoslavia) 1, Waregem (Belgium) 0; Inter Milan (Italy) 3, Nantes (France) 0.
UEFA Cup: Sporting Portugal (Portugal) 1, F.C. Cologne (W. Germany) 1; Real Madrid (Spain) 3, Neuchatel (Switzerland) 0; Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia) 1, Waregem (Belgium) 0; Inter Milan (Italy) 3, Nantes (France) 0.

Robson injured again

Post Sports Staff

On a day when European soccer clubs were engaged in the latest round of the three continental competitions, English fans had to rest content with domestic cup matches. But there was plenty to get worked up about.

England captain Bryan Robson dislocated his right shoulder three minutes into Manchester United's brave 1-1 F.A. Cup fifth-round draw at West Ham Wednesday night, sparking fears he may be out for two months.

But a relieved Robson said later that the injury was "nowhere near as bad" as the last time he dislocated his shoulder.

No room for slip-ups at the top

By YARON KENAN

After last week's razzmatazz, with three derby games over and above the main Jerusalem-Haifa clash, this weekend's action seems on the surface to have a rather humdrum, languid air about it.

Far from it. There are several intriguing match-ups, and all five clubs which still have anything like a reasonable chance of taking the main honours will have to be in tiptop form to maintain their challenge for the title. Notably, the comparable round of games back in November yielded 23 goals — the second largest weekly tally so far this season.

On paper, the top game is in the Haifa quarter, where Hapoel Tel Aviv, five points clear of the pack, will be hoping that Bnei Yehuda continue their rather poor run of recent weeks, while their own indifferent performances will finally be relegated to last week's memories.

David Schweitzer's men are at full strength, and however much their rivals may point to the poor shooting efforts of the Hapoel strikers (not a single goal between them in the past five outings), they might have a new ally in advantage tomorrow. That is the awfully busy Shekuna pitch which might prove to be the added ingredient the Hapoel sharpshooters require. Mind you, Yehuda Assaf in the Bnei Yehuda goal has still conceded only eight goals all season. One way or another, a full house can be expected here.

There will have to be no slip-ups for Hapoel's great local rivals Mac-

cabi, now 11 points off the pace, who managed to eke out a precarious draw off the front runners in last week's derby. They entertain lowly Maccabi Jaffa in the wide open spaces of the National Stadium. Jaffa, under their youthful coach Ben-Hur Mizrahi, have not lost in eight weeks, but it will be most surprising if they retain that run tomorrow to further extricate themselves from relegation difficulties.

Perhaps the two most interesting tussles involve the Jerusalem clubs. Betar were in spirited form last week when they disposed themselves of their Haifa demon, and on the face of things should be too strong for Hapoel Petah Tikva. But the young prodigies of Dror Bar-Nir and Giora Spiegel have shown their very best when challenged by the very best. This would be my pick of the week for any spectators not heavily committed to feelings of local patriotism.

Coetzee retires after first-round KO

LONDON (AP). — Gerrie Coetzee, sensationally knocked out in less than two minutes by Britain's Frank Bruno in this week's World Boxing Association heavyweight final eliminator, announced his retirement Wednesday and said he hoped his conqueror could go on and win the world title.

In a dignified farewell speech, the 30-year-old South African told reporters: "I'm leaving this country with a very good taste in my mouth and hope to come back one day, perhaps to see Frank defend the world title."

Coetzee, a former WBA champion, was knocked out at 1:50 of Round One at an emotional Wemb-

ley Arena in north-west London.

"I don't think I will carry on fighting. The smart fighter knows when to retire and I think I will only be a stepping stone for younger men."

Bucks 119, Nets 106

NEW YORK (AP). — Ricky Pierce, making only his third start of 1985-86, gave Sidney Moncrief's sore ribs, a rest and scored a career-high 32 points as the Milwaukee Bucks won for the 12th time in the last 13 games, 119-106 over the New Jersey Nets.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Boston 108, Chicago 97; Los Angeles Lakers 130, Utah 104; Atlanta 122, Philadelphia 114 in overtime; Cleveland 115, Phoenix 100; and Indiana 120, Seattle 112.

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HERUT AFTER BEGIN

A bruising battle to succeed Menachem Begin as Herut's undisputed leader is expected next week at the movement's first conference in eight years.

HERUT is meeting in conference, the first in eight years and the first without the overpowering presence of Menachem Begin.

Will it be, once again, an emotional steam bath of the type with which Herut conventions invariably provided us? Or will the first post-Begin assembly symbolize the *Mapai*ization of Herut — the conversion of what was a party of rebellion into a fully-fledged mass party complete with establishment *apparatchiki*. To find the answers I spoke to two veterans and a new party delegate.

Deputy Knesset Speaker Eliezer Shostak, now in his early 70s, has been an MK since 1951. He recently brought his two-man La'am faction (his colleague is Ehud Olmert) back into Herut.

La'am has been part of the Gahal and the Likud alliance for years, and has become a key factor in the escalating Herut succession battle.

Under its merger agreement La'am gets a percentage of the seats at the convention and may well hold a pivotal role between the warring camps.

SHOSTAK, who was health minister in the cabinets of Begin and Yitzhak Shamir, sees the assembly as "Herut's most important convention." He dismisses the noises emerging from factional discussions as *shimonnes*, declaring "all the noise is a clear indication of the vitality of the body politic. It proves that it's a living organism. It proves that Herut is very much alive after Begin, and not living by virtue of artificial respiration."

"Herut is not going through what Labour endured in the Peres-Rabin struggle. We are witnessing how the principal organs of a lively political body function."

However, the old-timer has fears about what awaits his party with the changing of the guard. "This convention will in effect be a kind of ceremonial passing of the flag of leadership to the new generation. Veterans like Yohanan Bader and myself are handing over to the youngsters, but not without some twinges in our hearts."

"We wonder whether our movement will not lose some of its spiritual and ideological content. After all, how many of the youngsters really know and care for Jabotinsky's credo. We fought and struggled



Shifting sands

MARK SEGAL

for a Jewish state, they take it all for granted.

TALKING OF La'am's position, he saw it in a bridging role. "We won't side with any of the factions. We're committed, and intend using our position to force all sides to pull together."

"You know, I would recommend ignoring all the fuss. I believe it will be a unified convention."

Trying to elicit his views on the warring factions and the rivals for the leadership, I did learn that Shostak doubted whether there would be any challenge to Shamir's primacy at this stage, at least not before the rotation deadline. "The struggle is over Shamir's post-rotation inheritance. There are now three camps and each has a number of leaders. True, in Sharon's group he is the only one. It's perfectly legitimate for David Levy to declare his candidacy for the leadership in the future."

SHOSTAK DISMISSED as silly charges from Levy supporters that opposition is based on communal

prejudices. "They're silly because we showed the way in communal integration in public life. I think those Levy supporters are not helping him by such assertions, but scrapping the barrel for battle cries."

EITAN LIVNI quit being party treasurer a few months ago. He is one of the surviving members of Begin's inner circle, known as "the fighting family." He joined the IZL at 18 and rose to be in its high command as chief of operations.

For the past 20 years Livni worked at party head office in Mtsudat Ze'ev. Today he is involved in a voluntary capacity in party affairs.

He, too, refers to Herut's new era, but unlike the others, Livni sees developments in another light. As one who worked closely with Begin he can speak with authority of the party founder preferred to remain above the internal fray.

It does appear that new developments are not entirely to the old-timer's liking. As he puts it: "Begin's testament to the party was: 'For the Almighty's sake please don't reduce us to the state of the NRP.'"

"He meant by that we should not

allow entrenched factionalism to take over. But what do we see? Four groups reminding us of the NRP at its worst. Whenever I appear at the pre-convention discussions, I always bring with me the NRP's internal report of the Yegar committee, which urged an end to factionalism as a condition for reforming that party's ills."

"They also recommended reducing the party apparatus's influence. When Begin was in charge he leaned on elected officers. Since he retired, the apparatus's power has increased. It's the central committee that elects the Knesset list and the leadership and that body is packed with functionaries."

"What we see is how each faction installs its men in office. The factions' leaders don't care for the party as a whole, but only for their factional interests. It's not so much a struggle between Yitzhak Shamir and David Levy, but rather between their lieutenants Ronnie Milo and Micha Reiser."

LIVNI EXPLAINS THAT "our movement could never offer jobs or any material rewards. The movement itself gave us pride. But things have changed over the years."

"Now we witness dirty election campaigns at branch level. Like the slanders in Jerusalem between Robby Rivlin and Yehoshua Matza. It's ridiculous to inject charges of communal discrimination just because one side lost. That kind of thing really hurts people."

Livni sees a clear difference between the power struggles in Labour and Herut: "We closely followed the Peres-Rabin rivalry and that memory frightens us all, we don't want any repetition here. That could really damage us."

"Of course as we see today, the Labour leaders don't love each other but they've learned their lesson and behave accordingly. We used to be such a tightly-knit group. Begin did his best to mend the wounds of the split between the IZL and Lehi, and did his utmost to bring Lehi people back."

"I met Yitzhak Yezernitsky in 1939 when he was an IZL commander; a year later Lehi was formed. By 1970 when he joined Herut he was Yitzhak Shamir and when Begin nominated him for the party executive chairmanship, I contested the

post. Shamir got 51 per cent, I got 48 per cent and someone from Ashdod got 1 per cent."

THE HERUT veteran acknowledges that the mergers with La'am and the Liberals are at Herut's expense. But, he stressed, it was a temporary measure. Both would be assured of their seats until after the next elections, and then they would have to compete for everybody's votes to be nominated to the united Likud list.

"Of course as long as Begin was around, the 50/50 ratio held for the Liberals: that was already eroded when it came to form the 1984 election list and now they're down to one-third."

Livni was open about the motives behind the merger: "Shamir speeded up the merger with the Liberals because they support him. David Levy appears to think that he'll find a common language with them in the united party on the dovish-hawkish plane. But I have my doubts on that score."

"Everything is so fluid in Herut. I would strongly recommend against any hard predictions."

What is clear is that Livni regards his fellow veterans as a key to the party's future course. They comprise 30 per cent of the convention's delegates. He thinks the term "shifting sands" most appropriate to describe the warring camps. He explains: "There'll be no secret ballots, so there's no surety that delegates elected on factional slates will actually heed caucus whips."

He discounted notions of ideological battles at the convention. "If one of the four rivals had been more outstanding than the others, there would be no problem about the succession. Things have changed, members can't get to the leaders. Access is blocked by highly ambitious lieutenants and aides. What is common to those youngsters is their lack of scruples."

ASTO inter-factional relations. Livni predicted changes, holding that the current Shamir-Arens vs. Levy-Sharon line-up is an artificial *ad hoc* arrangement.

He trusted that for his own sake, Levy would retreat from his current talk of contesting Shamir's primacy.

"All talk of Shamir being so much under his aides' influence is media-

manufactured." As we parted, I wondered about the apparent speed with which Herutniks appear to have forgotten Menachem Begin. Livni — his face lighting up, disagreed: Not the *vari-kim* (veterans), there is a deep yearning for him. We deeply miss him."

FOR ZURI ARBIV, 35, this will be his first experience as a delegate. He is a second-generation member of the Dan bus cooperative; his father came here from Tripoli in 1949, where he wed Zuri's Turkish-born mother.

His father joined Dan in 1951 and rose to a managerial position. Others of his relatives had less fortunate beginnings, weathering the *ma'barot* (immigrant camps) before establishing themselves, mainly in the business sector.

He lives in Ra'anana with his wife and two children and is friendly with many of the English-speaking immigrants there.

Arbiv has been a member of Herut for 10 years, but only lately achieved prominence in the local branch. He is also active in the local branch of the Herut "Blue-White" Histadrut faction. He was at the heart of a group of activists who unveiled the party scandal involving alleged attempts to flood the membership with forged applications.

"We found out that 99 forged forms had been submitted. That could have tipped the balance. We have about 250 members in the Ra'anana branch. So we complained to the police and filed an injunction with the Tel Aviv District Court."

"We also appealed to the party members' court of honour. The trouble has been that our branch has been almost equally divided. The organizational department at Mtsudat Ze'ev sought to disenfranchise me on some procedural pretext because I've been in opposition to the branch chairman," he declares.

In the course of our conversation it emerged that Arbiv is a warm supporter of Moshe Arens, whose group is now in close alliance with the Shamir machine, while the branch chairman is a Levy man, backed by Levy's people who control the national organization department run by MK Micha Reiser.

It appears that the hitherto equally split branch is now leaning to-

wards the Shamir-Arens bloc. Thus Ra'anana's eight convention delegates are divided as follows: one Levy man (the branch chairman), two uncommitted delegates and five for the Shamir-Arens bloc; the latter include Arbiv and the one Ra'anana woman delegate, American immigrant Marsha Feinstein (wife of Herut activist, Tel Aviv University Prof. Martin Feinstein). In the local branch elections 75 per cent of eligible voters cast their ballot.

ARBIV SPEAKS of the widespread yearning for Begin among the rank and file: "It's an open wound...we are fully aware of what caused him to quit" — an oblique reference to Arik Sharon's shadow over party affairs.

He spoke heatedly against any bid to challenge Shamir's primacy before the rotation deadline.

"Levy is in a hurry. His pushing can only harm the party. Yes, we do know that Arik is maneuvering himself into a role of holding the balance."

"To my mind Arens is the most suitable candidate of the three, but only after Shamir."

"Right now the various camps are mounting campaigns to ensure the best possible positions when the struggle comes. That I think will dominate the convention. It's rubbish for Levy's people to talk about communal prejudice. I do wish they wouldn't try to ride on the backs of the *edot* (Oriental communities) issue."

"If Levy or anyone else seeks to challenge Shamir's position they'll be open to charges of doing Labour's job. I prefer Arens because he's a man of integrity, an honest and decent man. I'm only quoting what Yitzhak Rabin said when he replaced Arens at the Defence Ministry."

Arik polarizes people. They either adore him or hate him, and he doesn't have the kind of appeal to the broader electorate that Arens has."

In the course of our conversation the son of a Libyan immigrant family made the interesting point that "even without Begin, who offered a father figure to the *ma'barot* inhabitants and their children, the generation of the sons of the *ma'barot* who've come of age instinctively support the Likud and oppose Labour."

IT DOESN'T take especially keen ears or an over-active imagination to hear Ariel Sharon proclaiming to other participants in next week's Herut convention battle: "Heads I win, tails you lose."

Sharon, with the smallest of the three party-factions under his command, is perhaps the general with the least to lose and with the brightest chance of deciding who, if anyone, will be crowned to succeed former premier Menachem Begin.

He has got it all worked out in a neat, facile formula: whoever plays with him, wins; whoever does not, loses. Or at least this is what Sharon is telling Yitzhak Shamir and David Levy and their respective lieutenants, aides and advisers.

With the results of last month's internal party elections unclear until a crucial vote takes place on the convention floor, Sharon can present his faction as pivotal in the power struggle that is sure to materialize between the Shamir-Arens and the Levy camps.

Although each of these two sides is claiming to have scored a victory in the internal elections and to enjoy the support of the majority of delegates, Sharon is banking on the possibility that both are in fact short of an absolute majority and that they will not succeed in effecting a grand peace arrangement by the time the convention begins.

If he should prove right on both scores, he will indeed be the king-maker at this first-ever Herut convention without Begin. Each side will sooner or later have to come cap in hand to Sharon to sue for his support.

At the time of this writing, in fact, Sharon had cast himself in the role of most energetic party peacemaker. He had worked out a scheme guaranteed to make for the most peaceful convention the party had

Winning ways

SARAH HONIG

ever known — even under Begin. What is not yet clear is whether the sides can really afford to play along.

THE SHARON plan is that all of Herut's factions should recognize Shamir's leadership unequivocally and declare that he is the party's candidate for the premiership — not only for the purposes of the rotation agreement with Labour, but also in the event of early elections. But after Shamir's retirement, the various contenders for leadership would compete for top billing in the party central committee, with the one obtaining the plurality of the vote being declared the winner.

The way Sharon pictures it, by that time the running may include Moshe Arens, the man Shamir would like to see as his heir — Levy, Sharon himself, and possibly Yitzhak Moda'i, who has made no secret of his intention to seek the top Likud post once the merger between Herut and the Liberals takes effect.

Sharon would also like to postpone the leadership contest. The one development he can least afford is for Levy to win primacy soon. Levy is younger than Sharon and if he becomes party leader, Sharon's chances are reduced to nil. He must make sure that Shamir stays at the top, but that he is weak enough to depend on him, Sharon.

He has also worked out the consolation prizes the contenders now and the losers in the post-Shamir battle for succession would be awarded. The present contenders

would all affirm loyalty to Shamir and the losers in the post-Shamir battle would all unquestioningly recognize the winner's leadership. They would undertake not to challenge him till the next round. But if the leader should form the next government, he would undertake to appoint all the others who ran for the number one party position to the four top ministerial positions in his cabinet. Thus, simply by participating in the race, one could get a prestigious and influential portfolio. One can hardly really lose.

Sharon proposed much the same scheme in 1984, when he challenged Shamir for the leadership prior to that year's elections. Shamir rejected it out of hand. He has also turned down Sharon's notions this time, saying that the days of a single party leader are over in Herut.

PARTY INSIDERS hinted in conversations with *The Jerusalem Post* that Sharon received a favourable response from Levy, not so much because the deputy premier is eager to pledge allegiance to Shamir or postpone the showdown with him, but more because he realizes that his success at the convention depends to a large measure on striking up an *ad hoc* alliance with Sharon. Levy is interested in the smaller victories the convention can give him for now — victories which would be used, when the time comes, to strike out for the Likud leadership.

Levy realizes that the battle for succession in Herut will in all likelihood be an indirect one, albeit intense. No one, on the eve of rotation, could risk challenging Shamir's position as candidate for the premiership. That would be tantamount to treason and the vast majority of the 1,400 delegates would be sure to resent and remember it.

The most important task of next week's convention will be the election of a new central committee that will eventually pick the new leader and elect the new Knesset list. Whichever candidate packs that committee with most supporters starts with an advantage. This will be Levy's one aim at the convention. That is why he wants the chairmanship of the steering committee.

In order to achieve such relatively limited aims, Levy is seeking a temporary alliance with Sharon.

The Shamir side is worried by the Sharon-Levy co-operation. Until the actual voting on the convention floor, Shamir's supporters are sure to try to separate the new partners. So far there is little enthusiasm on the Shamir side for a deal with Sharon. The preferred scenario is for some sort of a temporary truce with Levy, though not all on the Shamir side are happy with that idea. It is pointed out that such a deal might hamper Moshe Arens's chances of succeeding Shamir. Nor is Levy popular with everyone in the Sharon camp. MK Meir Cohen-Avidov, for example, is not enchanted with the alliance.

THE ONE THING that could upset all the apple-carts is the problem of what to do with the vacuum left at the top by Begin. He was both the party's candidate for the premiership and chairman of the movement. The wishful thinking in all Herut factions was that Begin would agree to continue as titular head of the party. The latest indications are

that he is not likely to.

Now much depends on Levy's mood. If he feels unbearably slighted or if he is badly thwarted at any stage of the proceedings, he can lash back by fighting Shamir for chairmanship of the movement while abstaining from challenging his position as candidate for the premiership. Levy's claim has been that even if Shamir did not win the title of party chairman, it would not prevent him from replacing Shimon Peres as prime minister.

A decision by Levy to seek Begin's old title may throw Herut into unprecedented turmoil. However, the Shamir side is confident that it can handle any challenge at this point.

Shamir's supporters claim that they did very well in the internal elections, that they can rely on the support of the 150 delegates from the co-opted La'am movement and that they can win additional support from among the 191 public figures nominated as delegates by a special committee.

Floating loyalties should be many. Apart from the most involved activists, few delegates can be said to belong to any clearly definable group.

Thus the real strength of each group will not even be assessable until the first day of the convention, when it must elect the steering committee, the mandates committee and the presidium. Once these are elected, much of the smoke may lift, and it may become clear who played with Sharon, who won, and who lost.

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I CALLED ON Zaafer al-Masri on January 1, 10 days after he had become mayor of the West Bank's largest city.

My first question was: How did you find the municipality?

A: There is a lot to do. The various departments must be reorganized. Some 750 employees did not report for work to the Israeli mayor, after Bassam Shak'a was dismissed in 1982. They worked outside the municipality, without salaries, trying to provide services. Then there are a similar number who did work with the Israeli mayor. We have to integrate these two groups.

Secondly, we did not find development projects for the town being implemented. We have to improve the electricity grid; the consumers are having problems with their lighting and appliances.

Then we are working on improving the power station to bring it up to proper production. We are working on the water supply—particularly because of the lack of rain. We are working on private requests, planning, new roads, construction permits. We're moving in all directions.

Q: What about relations between those who worked for the Israelis and those who did not?

A: So far I am happy that we did not have any friction. The transfer went smoothly. There was a lot of preparation. The authorities worked with the Israeli mayor to prepare the staff for the transition. I worked with the old staff as well, to have a friendly take-over. Things are running smoothly, without major problems.

Q: Are there employees who don't want to work with you?

A: All who have been asked to return to work have come back, including the municipal secretary, all the heads of departments, all the engineers and workers, the office staff—everybody.

Of course we do not think this is the perfect solution, as we would like to see an elected mayor, but still, everybody is happy that the municipality has been returned to Arab hands.

Q: Are you being accused of collaborating with the Israelis?

A: First I am co-operating with my own people, and we moved jointly. My move has been co-ordinated with the town and the Chamber of Commerce. The initiative came from the town and we have been working together. Those who are against us are against the majority will.

When they knew we were taking over, hundreds of townspeople came in to express their happiness, and many were moved emotionally, and all expressed good wishes and happiness—not because Mr. al-Masri is back, but the whole municipality is back—and they passed through every office, saying: "Welcome back, we are happy to have you. We are happy to have you all back."

This confirms my point of view that we are moving in the right direction, according to the will of the people.

Assassinated mayor said:

'Everyone wants peace'

Two months before he was shot dead last Sunday, Nablus Mayor Zaafer al-Masri was interviewed by Daniel Gavron. Extracts of this article have appeared previously in *The Jerusalem Post Weekend Magazine*.



Zaafer al-Masri

Mourers in Nablus during al-Masri's funeral

Q: How did it happen?
A: The move came after discussions in the town at all levels, wanting a solution for the municipality. We wanted elections. This was rejected by the authorities, who said that the time was not right. Then we said we want the council back—with our without Bassam Shak'a.

When that failed, when the authorities rejected that, the people said, "We have been waiting three-and-a-half years for a change in policy, we have been paying a high price: let's try for a compromise."

We have been working on options for a compromise. One idea was for a committee of 10 from different sectors. We tried this, but we found it difficult to choose the 10.

The Israeli authorities would not allow us to hold a public meeting. They also said the members must not have a prison record for political activities, or be PLO people. It made things difficult.

People said that the deputy mayor could take over. That was me. I was also head of the Chamber of Commerce, so why not let the chamber take over for a transition period? The chamber is elected by the com-

mercial and industrial sector. We polled the townspeople and got a positive reaction.

The authorities also polled people, and they found we had support and they approved. So we requested that the chamber should run the municipality with full authority. Secondly, it would be a transitional period—not a replacement for elections. Thirdly, we hoped that it would be a start for a change in all West Bank municipalities.

I don't say that the chamber should take over everywhere; the target is to return the municipalities to the people. The Nablus formula is not applicable everywhere. In the Gaza Strip they have had no elections of any sort since 1967, so there is no chamber that can take over. In Ramallah and El-Bira, they have a joint chamber and two municipalities, and so on.

Maybe Mustafa Nathe in Hebron will come back with his council. In Nablus, the authorities were not prepared to bring back the mayors.

Q: What about Bassam Shak'a?
A: He is against this move, but I am working with the people who elected Mr. Shak'a and they approve

of this step. In this matter he is in the minority. He is against any compromise. But in 1980 we should have had elections, and the authorities wanted to extend the terms of the councils indefinitely. This is against the law and I opposed it, but Shak'a accepted it.

Q: DO YOU HAVE a time limit for your present term of office?

A: Citizens have the right to elect their municipality. We are under occupation and this is not normal. We cannot force them, so we accept this compromise. My commitment is for one year, according to existing law, and we'll see.

The Jordanians now permit a two-year extension, the Israelis have made it indefinite. So we'll demand elections in a year's time. If it is refused, we'll consult the people and then see what they think.

Q: Are you still head of the Chamber of Commerce?

A: Now Hafez Toukan, the deputy head, is acting head of the chamber, while I am mayor.

Q: Have the Israelis really got out? Are you in complete control?
A: The moment I got in, the Israeli

mayor handed me the municipality. He and his assistants left after our take-over, and all the employees came back to work.

People are coming to us again in a normal way, without military guards. No one is being checked and searched when they come to see me. As mayor I'm working with full authority and the council has full authority. We are issuing construction permits, roads, working on projects which fall within our authority. I don't have any interference from the military. I am satisfied with the take-over.

Q: DID THE Jordanians approve?

A: When the Israeli authorities approved the take-over by the chamber, I went to Jordan and put them in the full picture. I did not co-ordinate this step in advance. I told them I hoped they would approve and give us full support. The reaction was that they were happy to have the municipality in the hands of the people, provided that this step would be approved by the majority of the people in the town.

The Jordanians did not pay the subsidy to the Israeli municipality. Now we hope they will resume payment as before 1982. We hope the subsidy will continue, and also support for development projects.

Q: Is this the start of progress towards self-government in the West Bank?

A: It's bringing things back to 1982, a step of normalization in the municipalities. It is not a step towards local administration. It is not political. The top priority is for us to run our own town again.

Q: Was the Israeli mayor not running things properly?

A: It was not normal. Relations between the municipality and the people were not normal and they are now. Secondly, the budget was minimal. They were doing the minimum to keep things as they are. There were no new development projects.

If we compare the years between 1976 and 1981 to the period of the last three-and-a-half years, not much has been done.

Q: Are you optimistic now?

A: The subsidy from Jordan did not come, so now we hope to get it. We have the Palestinian-Jordanian joint committee, run by a local Palestinian, and I don't see why we should be excluded from this support.

Q: ARE YOU optimistic about the political scene?

A: It seems to me that all sides are anxious for progress to a peaceful

settlement. There is a commitment to the Jordanians, Palestinians and Israelis. We want to work for a solution. The door is open. There are problems, but it looks much more positive than three or four years ago.

Q: What about the Jordanian role?

A: Jordan has a basic role to play. We have a special relationship with Jordan, but they should not decide our future. We want a special relationship, a joint future, but what existed before 1967 is not ideal. The joint agreement between the PLO and Jordan has shown this. I am a backer of this. I welcome the joint approach. I am in favour of a joint team. I am not really optimistic, but things are better today.

Q: Is the U.S. still an honest broker?

A: We have to accept it as a fact that the U.S. is a superpower and they can do a lot. They are not neutral, they are more friendly to Israel than to the Arabs and Palestinians. But this does not mean we will veto them. We'd like them to be more balanced. I think the Soviet Union also has a role to play.

Q: What about Camp David?

A: It is not the right approach for a solution to the Palestinian problem. Not autonomy—I don't approve. We should start with a new approach. We should forget about Camp David and start a new approach. Let's start with all the parties concerned. Camp David is an agreement with Israel and Egypt sponsored by the U.S. It does not obligate us because we are not a party to it.

Q: What about the Reagan initiative?

A: Reagan tried an approach which was rejected. We must start afresh. We are not a party to Camp David, we cannot commit ourselves to it.

Q: Do you see a solution in stages? Or put it that way, yes. We cannot have a solution overnight.

Q: WHAT ARE your relations with the Jewish settlements?

A: No relations at all. This is something which has been imposed on us. We don't approve. We weren't consulted. They were established by force.

Q: Could you see them in a solution?

A: No. What has been established by force we don't accept. We don't accept the taking of territory by war, or occupation, or the settlements on our land. We don't accept anything forced on us. Even if it is in the category of state land, it is ours, why should it belong to Israelis?

Q: But in an overall solution would you see a compromise?

A: No, I don't see it. I reject the principle. If there is a full peace agreement and normal relations, rights should be reciprocal. If I can buy a house in Tel Aviv, this can be reciprocal.

Q: What is your view about terrorism?

A: I am against terrorism whatever its source.

Q: What is the role of the PLO?

A: They are the Palestinians' representatives. Everyone thinks that. I don't see anyone against the PLO. Talk to the people.



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THE IMPRESSION that Prime Minister Shimon Peres's aura is fading was offset by a series of polls placing him at the height of his popularity, especially that of Dr. Michael Elgar's Modi in Ezrachi Research Institute which found that 86 per cent of the public find him the best man for the job.

On the other hand this Herut Convention eve poll indicated a serious erosion in the standing of the rivals for the Likud leadership. While Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir earned the support of 7.4 per cent (compared to 8.8 per cent in November), Trade and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon nosedived to 2.6 per cent from November's 6.2 per cent and Deputy Premier and Housing Minister David Levy went down from November's 2.8 per cent to 1.6 per cent.

Interestingly, former premier Menachem Begin, whose absence will overshadow the Herut Convention, gained in popularity as a choice for the premiership from November's 4.7 per cent to 5.3 per cent today.

As to Peres's own party rivals, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin was seen as the best choice for the premiership by 2.8 per cent while Deputy Premier and Education Minister Yitzhak Navon slipped out of sight in the premiership stakes, down to 0.4 per cent.

THE POPULARITY of Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i appears to rise as he adopts an even harsher line, with 43 per cent regarding him as the best man for the top job (38 per cent in November).

Herutniks please note — 58 per cent of Likud voters preferred him over anyone else in view.

Peres's people seemed puzzled by the contrast between the generally unsympathetic press reception of Labour's fuss over economic growth and the soaring polls. The explanation seems to be that many newsmen were out of touch with the poorer neighbourhoods and development towns, where Labour's survey indicated that growth means hope.

I also heard that the PM's adviser

on social policies, Haim Iluz managed to extract another \$100,000 from Moda'i's people to underpin the financially-strapped Project Renewal.

However, the money had to be channelled through the Housing Ministry, where Levy's people refused to handle it because it came via Peres.

AS HERUT'S pot began to boil over in advance of Sunday's convention, the public got a foretaste of what is to come with Shamir and Minister-without-Portfolio Moshe Arens playing the good cop-bad cop act. David Levy rose to their bait by losing his cool, taking Arens's Mafia taunt personally and calling him Don Corleone of all things.

Topping anything offered by U.S.-style convention circuses, Levy's boys had a choir chanting *Psalm of David* (or *Glory to David*) at his faction's rallies. That will fit in nicely with the Sharon cohorts cry of "Anik, king of Israel."

Sharon had another go at Rabin, declaring "we're much weaker militarily than we were in 1982." He wouldn't want his old job back, would he?

I'm sure Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hilel was too busy to notice that the eternal flame on the Knesset Plaza went out on Monday. Inquiries of various Knesset officials elicited the explanation that a) the gas had run out; and b) the equipment was being overhauled. It seems that even in the Eternal City, eternity has its limitations.

WHILE Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein came in for more-or-less universal praise in the Knesset for his efforts to improve our postal and telephone services, Agudat Israel MK Menachem Porush sought an extension on Bezak's religious service, revealing the existence of a Dial-a-Daf (Gemara page) phone service for the Jerusalem region.

His fellow Aguda MK, Knesset Finance Committee chairman Avraham Shapira has been undergoing the most publicised crash diet in the land, with daily bulletins printed of each kilo lost in his struggle to reduce by 20 kilo. The jovial MK

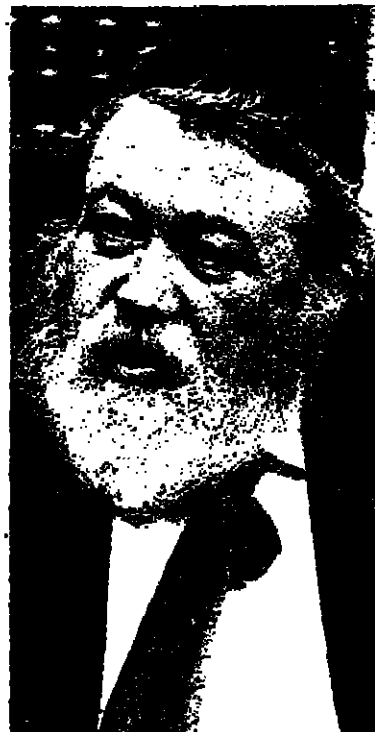
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works by day and then returns to Ein Karem's Hadassah hospital for his treatment.

I'm glad to report that the Committee of Concerned Citizens is still going strong with Zelda Harris as national director. A CCC delegation will lobby at Herut's convention for electoral reform. MK and Kiryat Gat Mayor David Magen has assured Harris he will table a resolution for electoral change, and she hopes MK and Yavne Council Chairman Meir Shitrit will take an active role as he promised.

Social Services and Labour Minister Moshe Katsav may not be very effective on tackling general unemployment, but when it comes to fellow Herutniks, he's marvellous. He lately created a new post of chief

scientist for Dr. Gad Dekel, brother of Deputy Defence Minister Michael Dekel.

Dov Lubelsky has replaced Zvi Cohen as director-general of Anaf, the Histadrut vocational school network. He was until recently assistant director-general.

Everyone says he's a first-class electronic engineer, but the manner of his appointment has raised questions. He was picked by a committee headed by Anaf chairman Uri Agami, and including fellow Histadrut bosses Nahum Fassa, Nathan Almossino and Masha Lubelsky. Apart from being Na'amat head, she is the wife of the new director-general.

I HEAR on good authority that Foreign Ministry Director-General

David Kimche has made clear to his boss that he is not inclined to move to the Washington embassy, when the incumbent Meir Roseane completes his term.

Celebration continues of the 75th birthday of Israel Press Council President Yehoshua Rotenstreich, who heard at a Beit Sokolow party, cautionary words from President Chaim Herzog about the need for media self-control in order to prevent attempts to impose curbs on press freedom.

His brother-in-law, Knesset Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Abba Eban has earned kudos for being the first public figure to urge Israelis to defend our society from a concerted bid "by the dark forces of obscurantism to plunge us

back into the ghetto."

He did so when addressing a memorial meeting in honour of Tel Aviv Museum founder, the late Haim Gamzu. Herzog sent messages paying tribute to Gamzu's unflinching struggle against mediocrity as museum director and theatre critic.

If he'd still been alive, Gamzu would surely have panned the rather inappropriate performance of actress Daniella Michaeli, picked for some reason by Museum events director Adi Semel.

Mayor Shlomo (Chich) Lahat paid an old moral debt to Gamzu's memory by announcing a memorial fund to promote the arts. Museum director Marc Scheps promised to persist in Gamzu's work of bringing art to the broadest possible public.

ALL'S WELL that ends well: — the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra will finally stay in Israel, and not break its contract to perform four concerts with the finalists of the 5th Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition next month. The IPO public council decided that, much as everyone cares for musical director Zubin Mehta, the IPO tour of Poland must come second to opening the worldwide centenary celebrations of the great pianist's birth.

The IPO had to honour its written commitment, especially as Broadcasting Authority director Uri Porat failed to budge the IBA's Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra's refusal to fill in. I also gather that the IPO players committee asked for \$120,000, 50 per cent more than the IPO's \$80,000 for four concerts. President Herzog, the contest patron, and Rubinstein's widow, Nela will hand out the prizes to the finalists on April 19 at Binyanei Ha'uma.

Communications Minister Rubinstein, in effect launched his famous namesake's centenary by releasing a commemorative postage stamp, at a reception held at Tel Aviv Museum together with Competition Society chairman Zalman Shoval, its director Ya'acov (Yasha) Bistritsky and Mayor Lahat.

One of the pianist's best friends, Esther Rubin told me that Rubinstein left bequests in his will to only two Israeli institutions — the IPO and

the Rubin Museum, which houses the works of her late painter husband Reuven Rubin.

SWEDISH AMBASSADOR Sven Hirdman has been busy with the many VIPs coming to the embassy to sign the book of condolences opened after the assassination of Olof Palme. Those who signed include President Chaim Herzog, Premier Peres, Deputy Foreign Minister Ronnie Milo, Minister Ezer Weizman, Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar, his predecessor but one Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, and Mayor Lahat.

Residents and staff of Haifa's Dan Carmel Hotel have been admiring the stamina of a couple jogging daily in the hotel grounds. They didn't know they were seeing San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein and her hubby Richard Blum engage in the Barbary Coast's favourite outdoor sport.

Accompanying Her Honour on her first visit to Israel is our Consul in Frisco, Ya'acov Sela, one of Shamir's most successful political appointments to the foreign service.

With the help of his wife, Anat, former Likud external relations director, Sela has done a fine job on the West Coast.

CONGRATULATIONS have been reaching El Al President Rafi Harlev for having been singled out by *Aviation Week Space Technology* magazine from executives of 26 national airlines and air-space companies for the most "outstanding achievement in 1985 in the field of aviation..." for bringing El Al out of bankruptcy and turning it into an efficient operation.

Tel Aviv University President Prof. Moshe Many has been to the University of Minnesota to sign an agreement of cooperation with its president, Prof. Kenneth Keller between their faculties of agriculture. TAU's germ plasm bank and UOM are currently sharing a "War on Hunger" programme endowed by Minnesotan record distributors Stephen Lieberman and his son-in-law Peter Okinow, who've donated 50 cents from income on each copy of hundreds of thousands of the "We Are The World" record smash hit.

Polish aristocrats — English style

TELEREVIEW / Philip Gillon

IT TOOK me some time to realize that the upper class ladies and gentlemen in the Granada film, *A Flame to the Phoenix*, were not English but Polish. They looked, spoke and behaved exactly as Nancy Mitford decreed that "U" people — the English aristocracy — should behave.

Now my idea of a Polish duchess is Fela Polshuk, who appears all too infrequently for my taste on *This is Your Life* programmes, and not a stiff-backed, dry-voiced upper-crust English grande dame. The same thing applied to all the characters: I found it very hard to buy their Polish credentials.

The difficulty was not caused only by their U accents. I remember complaining, when I saw a British version of *Crime and Punishment*, that Raskolnikov was surrounded by a medley of Cockneys, Yorkshiremen and Mancunians. The thing goes very deep: it is the way they hold their heads, move their bodies and do not use their hands to embellish their speech as all right-thinking people do.

Of course, I realize that my grievance is somewhat insular. I don't complain when Hamlet is not as Danish as Tuborg beer or Shylcock as Italian as spaghetti.

As the film progressed, I managed to suspend disbelief, and I became very involved in the theme and the characters. In fact, I found the Polish question so absorbing that it sent me scurrying to the encyclopedia to find out what happened to the Poles in the end.

I have a tendency to regard the last week of August 1939, and the first days of that September, as the climax to a British era comparable to Tchaikovsky's *Patriotique*. The doomed British world was being solemnly conducted by Neville Chamberlain and Lord Halifax to a finale without hope.

Hitler's invasion of Poland was the catalyst of such mighty and terrible events for the Western world that we tend to lose sight of what happened to that country itself. The film reminded me that Colonel Beck and the other Polish leaders were as inept, as incapable of understanding Hitler and as unprepared for war as Chamberlain.

We also saw the Germans' first use of the *blitzkrieg*: the destruction of open cities by their bombers; the killing of unarmed women and children so as to create panic and clog roads with refugees; the Poles' reliance on rain to bring General Mud

to their aid against the tanks.

The rains never came, so we saw the Polish cavalry charging the tanks with lances and swords. By journey's end, all the Polish men we had met in the film had been killed in that crazy cavalry charge, while the women had been shot for sport by the German soldiers.

Britain won the war eventually, at the cost of losing the Empire to the Americans and Russians. Poland, for whom the war was fought, never recovered its freedom. The country was handed over at Yalta by President Roosevelt on a plate, with caviar around it, for Stalin to devour. It is a very sad thought.

THIS FILM about German brutality was shown a few days after John Demjanjuk was incarcerated in Ayalon Prison. I must admit that it seemed to me he had a point when he complained that we had already prejudged him and condemned him to death, notwithstanding his assertion that he is the victim of mistaken identity.

However horrifying the crimes, we must give an impression that we presume innocence until guilt is proved. The way we are going about it reminds me of *Alice in Wonderland*: "I'll be judge, I'll be jury," said cunning old Fury, "I'll try the whole case and condemn you to death."

The prospect of a case similar to the Eichmann trial is rather a daunting one, especially as we did not have television in those days. Presumably we are now going to spend night after night watching another man in a glass cage, while witness after witness describes horrors that stagger the soul.

We needed the Eichmann trial to dramatize the Holocaust for a world tending to sweep it under the carpet. For the Jews, it was a reminder of how much we need to have our own state. And the great mystery of the time was how the Germans, the nation that produced Goethe, Schiller and Beethoven, could be guilty of such incredible evil.

Things are different now. We have learned to our bitter cost that man's inhumanity to man is not a German invention or preserve. Nobody is immune to committing the horrible crimes that follow inevitably from adopting a philosophy of xenophob-

bia, obscurantism, intolerance, and belief in a master race. Perhaps the lesson of the Demjanjuk case will be, "there, but for the grace of God, go I."

ISRAEL Television performed a great service to the public during the Akim appeal week by giving the cause of the disabled extensive coverage. There were two good films and several excellent news items.

I have seldom been so moved as I was by the news coverage of that wonderful concert given with great verve and vitality by an orchestra of the disabled in Rehovot. Later, there were shots of a teenager reading an essay he had written, followed by a meeting between a group of disabled students with their peers, who discovered to their surprise that they could share thoughts, feeling and jokes with the handicapped and forget their disabilities.

Another shot that gladdened the heart like birdsong in the early morning was of Elias, an old man whom we had seen some weeks ago living in the most appalling conditions imaginable in a Jaffa slum, giving a party for his friends in his new apartment. On the previous occasion, we saw that he had been befriended by a young man named Rafi, who had managed to arrange new housing for him.

I must also commend the news department for the excellent coverage we got of the astonishing scenes at the funeral of Nablus Mayor Zafer al-Masri, and of the disturbances that followed. As Gil Sadan said in his excellent commentary, Israel Television does not usually film such disturbances. We generally see them through Jordanian eyes.

There was one curious shot. We heard an army spokesman explain that the police had been told to fire into the air. Immediately afterwards we saw a policeman apparently pointing his handgun horizontally, apparently selecting a target, and apparently aiming very carefully. I would not have expected such precision to be needed to hit the great blue sky yonder, or the arm holding the gun to be parallel to the ground.

IT SEEMED to me that the philosophy and methods of the open school, as presented on *Second Look*, tended to be rather distorted. For instance, the stress on the girl student kissing teacher Roberto may have turned many parents off, and I am sure that it was not typical of what goes on in open schools.

On the other hand, the case for

formal education, as presented by Prof. Micha Chen of Tel Aviv University and the principal of an Alliance School, was so revolting that I cannot imagine any parents who love their children subjecting them to such a system.

Both of them sounded like Thomas Arnold of Rugby, training boys to be Christian scholars and gentle-

men, prepared to die for England in the outposts of Empire 150 years ago. Their vision is to instil, almost by force, a combination of the 3 Rs and patriotism.

Prof. Moshe Caspi, of the Hebrew University, was very impressive, with his dream of education bringing out each particular child's potentialities. The Latin word from which the word "educate" comes means to "bring out," not to "drive in." The open school seems to have more chance than the formal one of bring-

ing out whatever potential each child has, and of opening his eyes to a world that should be very wonderful.

A PLEA has been made to me by an orthodox mother of three small children, who are mad about *The A-Team*, which is shown on Saturday's at 17.45. As winter wanes and the days get longer, the Sabbath ends later each week. On February 22 it ended in Jerusalem at 18.06; on March 1, at 18.11; tomorrow it will end at 18.18. So the poor children see less and less of their favourite characters each week. This is Chinese torture at its worst. I enter a passionate plea to Israel Television: "Move *The A-Team* and give our Orthodox children a square deal!"

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Sanctuary

TORA TODAY / Pinhas Peli

THE EVENTS that recently took place would not be forgotten for a long time to come. The tensions, the turmoil, the wild orgy around the golden calf, the shattering of the tablets, the deaths and the frustration — all of these must now be pushed into the background.

The old page had to be turned over and a new one to be opened. The process of redemption that began with the exodus and continued at Sinai, must be resumed where it left off. For this purpose, Moses calls a general assembly, to include the entire community — men, women and children.

The Talmudic rabbis calculated the exact date of this unusual gathering. It was, they say, on the day after Yom Kippur, following the great reconciliation that took place on that day, as the Almighty pardoned the people for their sin of idolatry and handed over the second set of the tablets of the covenant to Moses.

No wonder Moses' face beamed following his heroic performance of dramatically and single-handedly saving his people from annihilation (Exodus 32:15-35). He had, also, just concluded 40 days and nights without any food or drink. His unique greatness was now visible to everyone. His closeness to God put him into a class all by himself to the extent that "Aaron and all the children of Israel were afraid to come near him" (*ibid.*, 34:30).

At this point, Moses could have decided to spend the rest of his life bathing in the sublime bliss of the divine, veiled and aloof from the people that had betrayed him and caused him so much trouble and pain. Instead, he loses no time after coming down from the mount in communicating with his people, with all of them. It is obvious that there is something important he wishes to tell the entire congregation, the message regarding God's presence in

their midst, about which he had spoken to them earlier, before the tragic events occurred (*ibid.*, 25:8): "And they shall make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them."

R. Moshe ben Nahman, the famous mystic commentator known as the Ramban (1194-1270), describes this as the "renewal of the youthful love affair between God and His people." In the subsequent chapters, we witness the glowing spirit of dedication and generosity which overtakes the people as they become involved in the building of the tabernacle, the dwelling place for God's presence in their midst.

To make sure that this enthusiasm was not the kind which had swept them all up in its power when they collaborated to make the golden calf, Moses prefaces his words regarding the sanctuary with a reminder about the Sabbath, that there are two sanctuaries, one in space, another one in time. The sacredness of the spatial and visible sanctuary ranks second when compared to the temporal and invisible sacredness of the Sabbath.

All work done towards building the tabernacle must cease with the onset of the Sabbath. Time was made holy by God himself (Genesis 2:3), while space may be sanctified by man. The holiness of the Sabbath thus surpasses the holiness of the sanctuary.

WHILE WAITING and praying for the re-building of the *beit ha-mikdash* (the Temple) for many centuries,

Jews weekly entered into what A. J. Heschel called "a sanctuary in time," which moved along with them wherever they went in their wanderings. This "portable sanctuary" in time did not take the place of the other sanctuary, established in space.

On the contrary, the Sabbath also served as a constant reminder of their land to the people of Israel, wherever they were.

All subterranean fountains of love and longing for Zion and Jerusalem came to be openly expressed during the Sabbath. It was, so to say, an "extra-territorial" piece of firm ground of Eretz Yisrael while in the midst of shifting exiles in the Diaspora. The Sabbath liturgy and songs overflow with yearning for the return to the Land.

It is interesting to note that the Psalm customarily recited prior to grace after meals during the Sabbath is not the same one said on weekdays. All week Psalm 137 is recited: "By the rivers of Babylon there we set down and wept when we remembered Zion.... How can we sing the song of the Lord in a strange land?" On the Sabbath another Psalm (126) is recited: "When the Lord returned us to Zion we were like dreamers... Our mouths were filled with laughter and our tongues flowed with song."

Experiencing holiness in time immeasurably intensified the yearning to experience holiness in space. The Sabbath undoubtedly had much to do with the awakening of the return

of Jews to their land in modern times as part of the efforts of the Zionist movement. The abnormality of life as a minority in an alien environment even under favourable conditions, was felt especially on the Sabbath, which set the Jews apart from the rest of the population which marked Sunday or Friday as their day of rest. On the Sabbath the Jew was made aware that when all is said and done, he is still considered an "outsider." There are, indeed, many "islands" in the world today where Jews can observe the Sabbath, but only in Israel, is *erev shabbat*, the day before the Sabbath, filled with the air of expectation, as it can be felt weekly in the streets of Jerusalem.

Observing the Sabbath, with all of its restrictions is not without problems for a nation energetically engaged in building, defending and running a modern state. It was the same for our ancestors in the desert, enthusiastically occupied with building the sanctuary, trying desperately to make up for lost time and earlier sidetracking. It is precisely because of this that Moses found it necessary to remind the Israelites about the observance of the Sabbath, prior to telling them about the building of the sanctuary.

The cessation of all work on the Sabbath day comes to make sure that even in building the sanctuary, the country does not lose its sense of direction, and that the building impetus does not overwhelm them. Sabbath is thus a momentary pause for listening to our inner voice, a break for "station identification," lest the turmoil make us forget what we had intended to broadcast.

The Tora portion for this week is Vayakhel (Exodus 35:1-38:20).

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Dangerous times

BENNY MORRIS / Post Diplomatic Correspondent

FOR THE fifth or sixth time, time is running out in the Middle East. Four major developments in recent weeks have ushered in a period of diplomatic immobility that could end in war: the breakdown of the Jordanian-American-PLO dialogue in Amman; the assassination of Zafer al-Masri in Nabulus; the near-uprising in Cairo; and a promise of war to "liberate" the Golan and territory to the west by Syrian President Hafez Assad in Damascus.

The breakdown of the talks in Amman puts paid, for the time being, to any possibility of the convening of peace talks between Israel and its neighbours to the east. Jordan — despite Prime Minister Shimon Peres' wishful thinking — is not going to enter into peace talks with Israel on its own. Hussein is not going to go to such talks accompanied by "alternative" Palestinian leaders; there are no such creatures.

Nor does he have a "Syrian option." Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir's analysis is right: Any rapprochement between Amman and Damascus (artificial or otherwise) will inevitably relegate Hussein to the status of junior partner and suck him into the rejectionist orbit rather than pull Assad towards peace talks with Israel.

The breakdown of the Amman talks, unless soon resumed, leaves

PLO chief Yasser Arafat with little choice but to try to salvage something from the shambles, and that "something" is likely to be a reunited PLO. After all, he precipitated the disintegration of his organization after Beirut on the basis of a belief that his only realistic option was to compromise and reach a political settlement. The minimal demand acceptable to the Palestinians in such a settlement is a Palestinian mini-state in the West Bank and Gaza (independent or confederated with Jordan). At the Amman talks, the U.S. (and Jordan) rejected recognition of Palestinian self-determination as their *quid pro quo* for explicit PLO acceptance of UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 and recognition of Israel. Hence, after a brief wait to see if Hussein may reconsider, Arafat is likely to attempt to reunite the PLO on the basis of a rejectionist or semi-rejectionist understanding.

THE ASSASSINATION of Zafer al-Masri has put paid to the prospect

of easing tensions in the occupied territories and of cooling the Palestinian problem in general by way of "unilateral autonomy" or "devolution." Prime Minister Shimon Peres had hoped, or said he had hoped, to introduce autonomy measures in the territories, based on cooperation by West Bank and Gaza leaders. The idea was probably a non-starter to begin with. West Bankers and Gazans are seeking self-determination, and would have been unlikely under the best of conditions to seriously entertain the idea of making do with "autonomy."

The central security police "rebellion" and mass vandalism in Cairo, while fairly rapidly put down by the army, highlighted the ultimate vulnerability of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's regime. Egypt has insoluble grave economic problems (steeply falling oil prices and steeply declining tourism being among the most important), and Mubarak has fanatical, strong opponents on the Islamic fundamentalist right and on the pan-Arab or Communist left. They are united, however, in wanting Mubarak out and in opposing the Israel-Egypt peace treaty.

NONE OF THESE developments has been lost on Assad, perched in Damascus and eager to see what he regards as a neo-Crusader kingdom brought to heel. He is no longer young, and though he is wont to talk to visitors in terms of decades, even centuries, no doubt he would prefer to see the Zionist entity destroyed in his lifetime.

Syrian military intentions are geared to Assad's philosophy. The philosophy rests on the assumption that the Jewish state can be brought low, and ultimately destroyed, not by one striking, comprehensive victory but by a series of powerful body blows (like 1973 and the self-administered body blow of 1982-85 in Lebanon).

Hence, last week's clear statement of intention by Assad to conquer the Golan, and the implication that Syria would perhaps also advance westwards, was no idle chatter: indeed, it recalled the late Egyptian President Sadat's pre-1973 talk of "the year of decision" (which, while slightly delayed, indeed dawned as promised).

Assad's self-assurance cannot but have been strengthened by the collapse of the Amman talks, the demise of autonomy in the territories and the earthquake in Egypt. He may even hope that Jordan will eventually join him in an anti-Israeli adventure (Hussein may have nothing to lose and something to gain in the West Bank); he will certainly have united PLO support.

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FEATURES



The media and the people

'When the press dialectically abandons the role of public servant to serve or provoke public passions, it sometimes becomes a violator of human rights,' says President Chaim Herzog in a reflection on Israel's media

The following are extracts from an address by President Herzog at a gathering this week in honour of the 75th birthday of Press Council chairman Yehoshua Rotenstreich.

THE FOUNDING generation of Israeli journalism was characterized by a special combination of the appreciation of the vital role of a first-rate free press in fortifying the democratic image of Israeli society and a very deep sense of national responsibility.

The horrors of the Holocaust and the desperate, blood-drenched War of Independence had sharpened that generation's sense of responsibility to the fate of the nation. Those founders laid the cornerstone for a journalism that grew to become one of the most splendid instruments of Israeli democracy. The Israeli press has nothing to be ashamed of in comparison with the press of the most cultured countries in the world. It is a critical and courageous press, which enables the entire spectrum of opinion in the State of Israel to express itself openly and frankly.

But even the best journalism is not without faults nor immune to criticism. The Israeli press has refrained, at least until recently, from self-criticism. While continuously pursuing its designated function of criticizing government policy, public figures, economic and social issues, virtually every area of life, it has sometimes over-reacted to substantive criticism directed against itself. The over-sensitivity of our press to legitimate criticism has strengthened the feeling that such criticism was indeed appropriate.

There has recently been a turning-point in this respect in the Israeli press, which is displaying a greater measure of openness and self-criticism. I have the impression that the signal for this welcome change was given by none other than Dr. Yehoshua Rotenstreich, in an important article published over a year ago.

MY FRIEND Hanna Zemer [editor of *Davar*] said recently that what has been taking place in Israeli journalism over the past few years is a transition from the basic European model to the American one. Perhaps this is the root of the problem. The founding generation was basically faithful to the classic European tradition of serious, restrained and substantive journalism. Perhaps the younger generation, living in the era of media pluralism, the television era, tends towards the new journalistic style, one that is more aggressive and more vocal. Many editors, in private discussions with me, have poured out their troubles and concern over worrisome indications of the level of professionalism and the lack of journalistic integrity within their own papers.

There is no doubt Israeli journalism has changed its style, and that the new style is more blatant, more aggressive. Things have reached such a state that certain public figures have recently been impelled to insist on the need to restrain the press, even by means of legislation. Restraining the press by legislation is a problematic matter in a democratic society, for it negates one of the basic principles of democracy. But when the principle of a free press clashes with another sacred principle — the principle of the sanctity of the individual and his right to privacy and the preservation of his good name — the Supreme Court has ruled that even the freedom of the press may be restricted. I know that there are differences of opinion on this matter, but in anything that touches on the protection of the ordinary citizen (not necessarily with regard to employment), the privacy of the individual and the protection of his good name, I admit to quite strong feelings.

LAST WEEK I held a seminar at Beit Hanassi on the topic "The Rule of Law in Israel." The attorney-general pointed out that only about 10 per cent of all those arrested by the Israel police are ever charged. But in the eyes of the public, the very fact of arrest is regarded as a conviction, especially when most elaborate details are published in the newspapers. Public opinion does not distinguish between suspicion and guilt.

About two years ago, I received a shocking letter from a citizen who had been arrested on suspicion of being involved in the murder of Emil Grunzweig and whose name had been published in banner headlines. He — and other suspects, whose names were also published — was completely innocent and had been released after a brief investigation. In his letter, he recounted a terrible series of tribulations that had befallen himself and his family as a con-

sequence, destroying his world, until he had no choice but to leave the country.

A few days ago we all heard the piercing and heart-rending outcry of journalist Ehud Ya'ari. I refer to the matter not because I want to exploit the plight of a journalist in order to attack the press, but because it reflects a true and very broad issue, of which the public and the press are insufficiently aware.

Ya'ari said, "Amidst the anguish of my family, I wanted to believe that the court alone would be the one to try my wife, and that no one would dare to interfere in its work. To my

into the category of human rights, because it represents freedom of expression and freedom of information. But when the press dialectically abandons the role of public servant in order to serve or to provoke public passions, it sometimes becomes a violator of human rights. It does so when it glorifies in rudely and nosily violating the individual's privacy and intimate life.

As the journalistic stimulation threshold continues to rise and the press delves even deeper into the domain of the individual — struggling to find more sensations and more "blood" — it is liable to arrive at a situation where society can no longer tolerate such practices and will look for ways to defend itself, including legislation.

I should like to believe that the penetrating self-criticism developing in the Israeli press today and the fear of restraining legislation will spur the communications media to take stock of themselves and find the correct balance between the principle of the public's right to know and the principle of the protection of privacy and the citizen's right to self-respect and a good name. I am encouraged by the new approach I detect in our press. The very fact that a newspaper allows a public airing of editorial decisions is a welcome and praiseworthy manifestation of journalistic and civic courage, and only enhances the paper's esteem and credibility.

In this context, I want to quote from the professional ethics of the Press Council: "The journalist and the communications media must respect the good name and the private and family life of every individual. In reporting a matter that touches on someone's private life, one must refrain from publishing personal details about him or members of his family that have no bearing on the public interest or are not relevant to the subject of the report."

If only the press had truly honoured these rules — which it itself formulated — I think the entire public debate concerning restrictions on the press would never have arisen.

ANOTHER QUESTION, and a very basic one, is: what kind of reality does the press reflect? Does the press pretend at all to reflect objective reality, and if so, is this borne out in practice?

I accept that a free press should devote itself primarily to criticizing government and public administration, on both the local and national levels. However, does criticism mean only negative exposure? There is no doubt that, comparing their relative strengths, the Israeli press has grown stronger over the years while the government has become weaker. Up to a certain point, this is a healthy process; but beyond that point it is liable to become dangerous, since the press — on certain topics — begins to set the tone and to have a far-reaching influence, not always a balanced one, on the functions of government. It places subjects on the agenda — and this is valuable and legitimate, as long as it does not disrupt the government's judgment so that it begins to act only in reaction to the press and in conformity with journalistic considerations, and not in accordance with the correct national priorities. On this matter, I would stress that the fault lies more with the government than with the press.

CRITICISM, exposing and denouncing the negative, revealing defects and deviations in the government and the public administration — all this is vital and necessary. But focusing on the shadier margins of reality causes the public to feel uncomfortable and to sense a distortion of the truth.

On my trips around the country, I regularly encounter the harsh image created by the press of one place or another, one population or another. There has hardly been an instance where I did not hear criticism of the media, primarily the television. I have found serious cases of distortion by the media and a corresponding diminution of their credibility.

I maintain that the press must respond to this, lest in a frenzy of criticism and of uncovering deficiencies in government and administration the real picture is completely blurred and the press is alienated from the wide public, and its credibility impaired.

It seems to me that this is the most troubling development, which endangers democratic rule just as does the question of the image of the Knesset. I maintain that the ultimate solution is the development of self-criticism in the press itself. A second means is to educate the public to read the press critically — something that must be started in the elementary schools.



Hanna Zemer... a change from the European model to the American one

regret, all the dams have been breached. All standards of fairness have been forgotten. False accusations and slanders have become the norm. It is as if all the laws that deal clearly and explicitly with the rules of *sub judice*, the right to privacy and the protection of minors have been annulled — not to mention the prohibitions against disrupting the legal process and publishing classified evidence. Freedom of the press has become negligence.

I will draw the conclusion from the words of another well-known journalist, Amnon Dekker of *Davar*, who wrote: "We must examine ourselves, turn our scrutiny inward... We all have to put our house in order. Not to refrain from strong, critical, caustic writing about public figures or phenomena, but not to blacken life; not to pin suspicions on someone that are hard to erase, even if they lack truth or substance. If we do not do this, and do it forthwith, they will do it to us. If we do not restrain ourselves, the rope will be around our necks and no one will cry



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out, no one will be outraged, and everyone will say: 'They brought it on themselves.'"

I KNOW that a democratic government is dependent on the free flow of information and opinion. I honour and deeply respect the function of the press as the watch-dog of a democratic society. Moreover, not only do I appreciate the public's right to know, I maintain that it is the public's obligation to know; and that the press sometimes must force the public to know — sometimes even when the public is not interested in knowing. For me, a free press falls

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Beit Hakarem, 4 + terrace, completely furnished, carpets, 1st floor, from May, 500, Anglo Saxon, 02-221161, Maldan.
Ein Karem, 2, large garden, solar boiler, 5180, 423239.
Gilo, 2 rooms, completely furnished, immediate, 662888.
Kiryat Menahem, forested, 3, phone, solar boiler, long term, 765203.
Ramat Eshkol, 3, furnished, piano, view, phone, immediate, 818487.
Tzameret Habira, lovely, 3, terrace, view, two years for serious only, Zimm (Maldan), 221451-4.
Ford Bredas, 1977, automatic, excellent condition, 623225.
Givat Mordechai, 4, phone, seeking religious flatmate, 03-262225, 223730.
Kiryat Shmuel, 4, nicely furnished, for religious, Tuvia Bier, 226231, Maldan.
Kiryat Yovel, 3, furnished, Michael Starr, 02-225226, 241367, Maldan.
Flats Wanted
4 room flat required, Beit Hakarem, Rehavia, no agents, 233803.
British teacher + 2 dogs seeking home + private garden, long term rental, 02-249798, Friday and Sunday, 10.00-12.00.
Givat Zeev, Pigat Zeev, Ramot, 3 room flat, cash, 02-865305.
Rampot, cottage/villa/frame, 03-819944, evenings.
Scandinavian family of 3 requires furnished flat/cottage for year, 665315.
Seeking to buy large flat in Jewish Quarter, 285793.
Wanted: flat for couple + 1, 2 bedrooms, fully furnished, 2nd or 3rd floor or lift, from 10.4.86-10.6.86. Evenings, 715470; at work, 418253.
Seeking 3 room keymoney flat in Rehavia, Telshih, Kiryat Shmuel, German Colony, 233755.
Seeking furnished and vacant flats for sales and rental, Menachem Realty, 02-249579.
Want to rent out your flat? Kef-Li takes care of you fast and efficiently, 244008, 232742 (Maldan).
Wish to buy 2 1/2-3 room flat for \$38,000, 423076, evening.
Flats, sale/rental needed, all areas, Maagar Dinar, 241779.
Purchase/rental of existing house, 180sq.m. or more + garden, German Colony, Rehavia, Old Katamon, Beit Hakarem, immediate cash payment, no agents, 243626, 243692, work.
Seeking flat for sale, 2-2 1/2 rooms, immediate payment, no agents, 634589, 223311, work, Leah.
Colony, Baka, Old Katamon, 5-6 room and flats required, Cohen, 243056.
Purchase Sale
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Amor 15 De-Luxe, excellent condition, 528019, not Shabbat.

Bargain, 2 double youth beds, pine wood, 666363.
Campaign! Country style! Cupboards, beds + night stands, dinette/lounge suite, new! In exchange for old + installations. Rav-Zol, 150 Yalo, 539761.
Carpentry, liquidation, for sale: compressor, saw, new generator, 287293.
Double bed + Paradise mattress, Swedish vanity table + chair, 02-635508.
Unicycle, NIS 130, 233171, Pigeon, for No. 6.
Working washing machine, bargain NIS 200, 418068, evenings.
Bargain price, video camera, on a peace VHS Pal M3 new, 02-721576, weekdays.
Danish lounge suite, Amasa, Sauter, ping pong, antiques, bicycle, camping goods, 630158.
Stereo system, Atari computer, Sanyo video, bargain, 831135.
Used, guaranteed typewriters and cash registers, 634077.
Bookcase, large, Belgian made, glass doors, 531747, weekdays.
Bookcases, good condition, can be used separately, 662412, weekdays.
Parents' home in Baka requires: aides (male only), nurse, chambermaid, Call Sunday + Tuesday, 09.00-11.00, 227491.
Persuasive agents for distribution, high salary, 247521.
Professional seamstress, with Overlock at home, high salary, 02-669867.
Public institution requires: 1) Bookkeeper, 2) English secretary-typist, (preferably English mother tongue), knowledge of Hebrew obligatory, POB 2045, Jerusalem, for No. 510.
Responsible dental assistant + English, afternoons, 719101, 721344, mornings.
Responsible woman required to care for children and housework, references, 763927.
Responsible woman required to receive calls from school, and housework, 13.00-15.30, 815886.
Sewing, experienced salesperson + sewing, experienced patternmaker, 02-247786.
San Simon, housework, twice weekly, references, 635642.
Summit institution requires occupational therapist with inclination for teaching or special education teacher, 721545, 721348.
Textile factory requires secretary (English mother-tongue), Hebrew, English typing, Call Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, 18.00-20.00, 02-622259.
VOLUNTEERS: The Jerusalem Psychological School Service seeks volunteers for challenging work with children in school. Supervision will be given. Tel. 231173-3 or leave message to V. Peretz.
Woman for housework in 3 1/2 room flat, 661698, 18.00-20.00.
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Alyo Hospital requires qualified metal-poly and auxiliary personnel, 412251-4, Sunday-Thursday, Rachel Friedman-Li.
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Beit Hakarem, metal-poly for baby boy, 6 days, 08.00-14.00, 531596, evenings.
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For sale, yacht, 19 foot, 6 seats, needs superficial renovations, 217577, 341515.
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IBM and Olivetti computers, we have the best offer in town. Hashai, 02-283304, 02-246662.
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Fender Stratocaster guitar, Peavey amplifier, effects, excellent, 764425, weekdays.
German piano, excellent tone, good condition, 500, 760817.
Piano Centre, pianos for sale, tuning, repair, exchange, advice, 16 Hamelech George, 227984.
Small English piano, good condition, brown, 830, 418767.
Roland Juno 60 organ + case, 410107.
Harpinet, 12 Ben Sima, piano sales, reconditioning, tuning, 244166.
Pets
3 months old striped Basset puppy, exceptionally beautiful, 712501.
For sale, pedigree Rhodesian Ridge-back puppies, certificates, 02-855651.
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Nine year old Amasa 22, side-by-side, 3750, 821954.
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Santal tape deck, professional, NIS 400, 02-634932.
Sony stereo radio-tape, 02-634932.
Televisions
Video, 4 systems, 27" Sony TV; microwave, 02-589113, weekdays.
Purchase
Seeking to purchase stereo system, 02-660072.
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Situations Vacant
1) Experienced baker, day or night work, good conditions, 2) experienced pastry chef/assistant to pastry chef, Patisserie Vidal, 02-221132.
Architect required, minimum 2 years' experience, 249922, evenings, 421779, not Shabbat.
Attendant for 85-year-old woman, Spanish and Yiddish speaking, Gilo, 536806, 765428, evenings.
Bayit Vegan, domestic required, once weekly, references, 423797.
Building engineer/practical engineer for supervising building and development work. Apply in writing, POB 2107, no. 1.
Cleaning worker, 5 days weekly, 5 hours, 02-527201.
Cashier/secretary, part-time, contact Mr. Borochov, 14 Rehov Metadela, 08.00-12.00, 15.00-18.00.
Domestic required for mature couple, twice weekly, Tel. 660864, not Shabbat.
Domestic required, 2-3 times weekly, for couple only, 663990.
Responsible young woman required for care of 2 children in exchange for room, board and salary, 660615.
Secretary + bookkeeping skills, office management, typing, full-time, 02-722744.
Secretary required, full-time, shift work, English necessary, good conditions, 249476, Eli.
Seeking posty baker + assistant, good conditions for suitable, 02-231984, 02-765533.
Tailor clothing shop requires worker full/part time, 411778.
Technician required for vacuum cleaner and electrical appliance repairs, 662390, 661296, Efrain.
Urgently required ladies' hairdressers for salon in centre, excellent terms, 223484.
Vered Erosion factory specializing in moulds and dressing specialising in 1) Vocational school graduate in mechanics and die-casting, 2) Miller, 242328, 242517.
Zedka, Jerusalem, requires experienced furniture salesperson, 243347.
Accountants office requires experienced trainee, POB 2045, Jerusalem, No. 459.
Cafe on Ben Yehuda Mall requires waitresses and barman, 231632, Elyahu.
Experienced salespersons, experience in selling to tourists, languages obligatory, 223497, 09.00-11.00.
Lawyer's office seeks excellent secretary/typist, afternoons, 02-241182.
Meyrav Hadrot seeks dynamic agents, high income for suitable, 225681.
Salesperson, full time, for souvenir shop, fluent English speaker, 02-226772.
Seeking assistant electrician, before army, for general maintenance, 698372.
Zion Textiles requires experienced secretary, full time, command of Hebrew and English + typing of both, 528669.
Computerized office requires permanent secretary, split shift, + English, for interview, 231631-4 (Maldan).
English (mother tongue) typist, good working conditions and salary for suitable, Manpower, 233436-9.
Excellent Hebrew typists interested in word processing course, apply to Manpower, 233436-9.
Furniture shop requires salesperson with sales experience, 02-713983.
Housewife requires cleaning workers, afternoons, good conditions, 838204.
Hebrew typist with knowledge and experience, for spare time work, good working conditions for suitable, Manpower, 233436-9.
Hebrew/English word processor operators, experienced, flexible working hours, Manpower, 233436-9.
Printed circuits planner, minimum 3 years' experience, Manpower, 233436-9.
Production technician, two years' experience minimum, for field work, good working productivity, preferably experienced in developing and planning work systems, long term work, Manpower, 233436-9.
Production workers for seasonal work, 2nd shift, Manpower, 233436-9.
Responsible woman for housework, 4 times weekly, Gilo, 765764.
Singer sewing machine, Gila working machine; complete lounge, 02-419990.
Tool mechanic with wide knowledge in maintaining cars and understanding of electronic systems, Manpower, 233436-9.
Lawyer's office requires secretary typist, word-processor operation desirable, 02-247385.
ORS requires engraver, miller for maintenance work, 3 years' experience, 02-245561, 02-245129.
ORS requires experienced bookkeeper, typist, knowledge low desirable, 02-241596, 02-245561.
ORS requires experienced machines engineer, at least 3 years experience in industrial factory, 02-245561.
ORS requires experienced economist and warehouse manager, economist an asset, English necessary, German an asset, 02-245561.
ORS requires experienced welders for soldering work, high salary for suitable, 02-245561, 02-242159.
ORS requires secretaries/typists, Hebrew and/or English, excellent, for temporary and long term work, suitable salaries, 02-242159, 02-245561.
ORS requires cleaning workers, good conditions, 02-245561.
ORS requires excellent carpenters, 02-242159, 02-245561.
Professional dental assistant, central Jerusalem, 02-2261570, Yeladim.
Realty office requires agents + car, high price, 247839.
Realty office requires secretary, split shift, 02-247839.
Skilled and unskilled workers and advertisements for Lumb Heledad: Pissum Havia, 02-244415.
CLERKS
Experienced secretaries, Hebrew and/or English + word processing, all screens, temporary hourly work, immediate, Tigbur, 02-504239.
DIAMONDS
Sales manager, computer equipment and accessories, preferably with prior experience, POB 6834, Jerusalem.
DOMESTIC HELP
Domestic for 3 required twice weekly, Measot Dafna, 810757.
Religious family, Katamon, requires domestic, 3 times weekly, 665104.
Gilo, metal-poly for 3 + housework, 11.30-15.30, 02-527110.
ELECTRICITY
Experienced building engineer/practical engineer for supervision in Jerusalem, 02-498884.
Situations Wanted
Multi talented seeks work in bookkeeping, cosmetology, typing, 864184.
Translation (Hebrew to English) and editing, brochures, letters, papers etc., high quality work, reasonable rates, 660352, 632902.
Frame contractor available for work offers, 633249, weekday evenings.
Business
Cash register + calculating machine + typewriter, 6 Pines, Eli.
Dynamic person to manage interesting, active business in creativity and art field. Partnership and investment possible. Qualifications: General technical background in hand-work, frame making and sales, 227106.
Excellent sales person seeking serious investor, \$50,000, 227110.
Fantastic site for restaurant or group of boutiques. Investment required \$150,000. Exclusive Ambassador, 02-668101.
German Colony, flourishing food business for sale, immediate, Exclusive Ambassador, 02-668101.
Kiosk/snack bar, opposite Yad-Kennedy, rental, 02-415130, 08.00-12.00.
Monthly rental, in commercial centre in Ramot Build-Your-Own-Home, 75sq.m. hall, can be partitioned as needed, suitable for medical centre or offices, 242429.
Bargain, make-up and perfumes for sale due to conversion to wine shop, 242551.
Centre, cafes, shops, for monthly rent, for keymoney, Haviva, 225706.
Keymoney, town centre, storeroom, 45sq.m., needs renovation, only 11,000. Keys at Aryeh Realty, 241380-6.
Dial 539662, Pissum Zahir and your advertisement will appear in Lumb Heledad at bargain price and you'll receive a special gift: 3D poster, Pissum Zahir, Meior Barak Industrial Area.
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Seeking platinum medals, not dealer, 247376, office hours.
Har Nof, new commercial centre, suitable as wedding hall, bank or super-market, 02-286388, 02-286772.
Sale, automatic handloom, new machines, excellent location, Jerusalem, 02-243108.
Halls
Rental, Roma commercial centre, 100sq.m., possibly 50sq.m. only, Der Nof, 243557/8.
Industrial Premises
Monthly rental, Givat Shani, ground floor, phone, power, 539677, 539643.
Industrial hall required, Telapit, unit 100sq.m., ground floor, 710606, 711748.
Offices
6 rooms (villa), city centre, 234955.
Prestige offices, King David Court, airconditioned/heated, for rent, Early occupancy, Ambassador, 02-668101.
Rental, Jerusalem, centre, 1/2 office floor, 15 rooms, fully airconditioned, lifts, Tel. 02-243884, 02-219366.
Rental, office units, town centre. Apply to Israel Hochsharat Hayesvur company Ltd. 02-221341.
Centre, monthly rental, 6 rooms, spacious, phone, 639837, weekdays.
City Tower, 2 rooms, 35sq.m. Avi Cohen, 228922, 233125, Maldan.
City centre, rental, 2 offices, 1st floor, parking, 243574.
Clal Building, monthly rental, 2 rooms, for office, 02-634590, Menahem.
Clal Centre, 2 rooms + phones, immediate, 242562, 664841, weekdays.
Room in lawyer's office, city centre, 02-234680, 02-864630.
5 room office in well kept building for rent, Michael Starr, 02-233017, 228993, Maldan.
Rehavia, 3 large, well-lit, ground floor, Tuvia Bier, 226231, Maldan.
Centre, 5 1/2 rooms, 1st floor, multi-line, 3 phones, extensions, separate heating, 247844.
Plots
For sale, plot, approx., 300sq.m., Givat Beit Hakarem, Tel. 02-337771.
Arzania, lot, in exchange for price of building hall, Rehavia, 663770.
Givat Zeev, nice plots for immediate construction, one-family and 2-family, splendid view, 02-242331, 02-242340.
Plots for immediate building, Beit Hakarem, Telapit, Arzania, Zohar Realty, 247116, 243586 (Maldan).
Shops
Centre, 3 Hillel, flat for shop/business, ground floor, 05-454542.
Gilo/Shop, open purpose, window bars, display window, improvements, 762238, weekdays.
Keymoney, Korsh, large, well arranged, immediate, bargain, 02-242529, 02-252291.
Shop in Mahane Yehuda, any purpose, rental, 02-253418.
Tzameret Habira, French Hill, commercial area, approx. 500sq.m., suitable for mini-market + 2 shops, 40sq.m. each, immediately available, also rental, Gila, 4 Shimonim Hamat, 02-242159, 02-223880.
Keymoney, Bayit Vegan, mini-market, abundant income, reputation + equipment, 422280.
Ben Yehuda, rental, 40sq.m. shop + gallery, Avi Cohen, 228922, 233125, Maldan.
Monthly rental, Martel Ha'ir, 34 Ben Yehuda, 242206.
Rental, shop in town centre, 22877, Rommy, work hours.
Sale/rental, Kiryat Yovel, 37sq.m., any purpose, 690002.
Triangle, shop for rent, Michael Starr, 02-233017, 228993, Maldan.
Rental, any purpose, shop in commercial centre, power, convenient access, 421857.
Rental, central Ramot (opposite Bank Leumi), Pissum Ramot, 02-663970.
Warehouses
4 storerooms to let, 1200sq.m. per unit, Moshev Amnadem, 02-415130, 08.00-12.00.
Matrimonial
Handsome man, 29, honest and real, slight disability, seeks suitable for serious purposes, Amnon Hanatzi, 302/6 Shimonim Ben Yosef, Jerusalem.
Single (f), 38, religious, beautiful, charming, kind hearted, energetic and educated, seeks suitable only. Apply to Ovadia family, 7 Eli Hachosen, Jerusalem.
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Attractive, educated, 28/165, seeks serious for marriage, POB 2107, no. 1, Jerusalem.
Personal
Interested in meeting foreign residents? Advertise in Yavneh Shaleva, America, at Pissum Havia, 02-244415.
General Announcements
VOLUNTEERS: Jerusalem Psychological School Service seeks volunteers for challenging work with children in school. Supervision will be given. Tel. 231173-3 or leave message to V. Peretz.
Health
Reflexology, general massage and reflexology treatment (tension, rheumatism), 02-417022.
Schools / Lessons
Seeking teacher for 5th grade pupil (religious state school), 3 times weekly, in his home, Baka, 724843.

English, Math lessons to individuals or groups, modern methods, 433520.
Experienced piano and organ teacher gives lessons in pupil's home, 02-855526.
Services
It's not just massage, body therapy for aches and pains, specific problems or just to feel better, Eli-Moshe, 858118, NS.
Mini-Polaris dishwasher, 750 in 3 payments, 221924.
Translation (Hebrew to English) and editing, brochures, letters, papers etc., high quality work, reasonable rates, 660352, 632902.
Video, photography service for family and charity events, 433530.
Qualified plumber, American standard, reasonable prices: drain opening etc., general renovations, 243608.
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Villas & Houses
Tivon, detached, possibly 2 flats, for serious only, 04-934172.
Ashdod, particularly luxurious villa, \$350,000, Keys at Latino Bar, 4 Disraeli, 04-252902.
Modern and prestigious villa in old Ashdod, Signos Samson, 04-332434-5.
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Burla, convenient floor, closed balconies, cupboards, view, 04-233180.
4 ROOMS & MORE
Safed, 4 1/2, private entrance, garden, balconies, American kitchen, solar boiler, central gas, oven, near supermarket, schools, Mamas, 089-72191, 02-816494, weekdays.
Ashdod, 5, luxurious kitchen, double conveniences, 81,000, 04-254581.
Flats for Rent
Yeshayahu, 4, new, unfurnished, phone, also for office, 04-673127.
Zikhryahu, 3, unfurnished, phone, fitted cupboards, 04-21874, evenings.
Carmel centre, 5 room flat for office residence, 02-446620, 02-284539.
Purchase Sale
Fully furnished and fully equipped German made caravan, 04-380436.
Furniture
We pay high prices for furniture, refrigerators, stoves, 04-665977, 04-538285.
Pets
For sale, Doberman puppies, Tel. 065-41066, ext. 358, afternoons.
Personnel
Car rental office requires English-speaking clerks, typing, POB 4576, Haifa.
Translation, English-Hebrew, editing, copywriting, dictation, reports, etc., 04-246075.
National chain requires sales persons to market savings-retirement plans, northern area, bank clerks preferred, NIS1,000 salary, 052-541047, 052-5419467.
CLERKS
Experienced typists, Hebrew or English + word processor operators on all terminals for immediate, temporary hourly work, Tigbur, 04-670352.
DIAMONDS
V.I.P., available, 45+, Saturday night, 18.30-18, at 20, Sderot Huzimom/Ben Yehuda.
SALES STAFF
Optician's owner in Haifa Shaleva requires experienced secretary, shiftwork, 0

THE United States has officially advised the Histadrut to keep wage demands as low as possible. United States Ambassador to Israel Thomas Pickering has told labour federation secretary general Yisrael Kessar that the U.S. thinks wage increases would jeopardize economic stability.

Governments, not to speak of foreign governments, have no official role to play in wage negotiations. National government can, at most, work behind the scenes to influence wage talks. In this case, however, a foreign power has intervened in what should be a free contract between two Israeli private parties.

The American intervention was no caprice. The Americans agreed to give Israel an emergency supplementary grant of \$1.5 billion, of which they have already transferred \$750 million. This money improved Israel's rating in the international financial community, and enabled the execution of what otherwise would have been a very painful operation on the Israeli economy. Massive unemployment was avoided.

The core of the government's stated economic policy is that wages, prices and exchange rates should serve mainly one purpose: maintaining the profitability of exports which, in turn, will help deal with Israel's balance of payments deficits. Contrary to past practice, the government has declared that it will not use resources from the limited budget to subsidize exports.

Profits are defined as revenue less costs. If wages go up, export profitability will remain stable if other costs go down. It will also remain stable if exporters' shekel revenue increases. This increase can be the result of either a devaluation of the shekel or of a further weakening of the dollar.

Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and the Treasury's director general Emmanuel Sharon have admitted that the economic plan has had plenty of luck. In fact, since July, workers have received a 12 per cent increase in wages above what was originally planned. But the weakening of the dollar abroad has permitted the government to keep the exchange rate against the American currency frozen. And because the country's economic life is effectively linked to the dollar, the constant exchange rate has resulted in a very low rate of inflation.

The spectacular free fall of oil



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prices, which has brought them plummeting to \$12.70 a barrel, is another stroke of luck for the economic plan. The Histadrut, as labour's representative, must come out of the coming wage talks with something to show for them. The drop in oil prices allows for wage increments to be offered the Histadrut without triggering a devaluation. Beyond that, however, wage rises will be possible only if productivity increases, according to Moda'i's expressed policy.

According to the industrialists, export profitability is currently at its minimum acceptable level. In the past, the industrialists benefited from high inflation, since it eroded

tax payments and unlinked debts to the government. Now, however, since the era of cheap loans is over, their interests lie clearly on the side of stability.

THEY have concluded that lack of stability and the shortage in investments could harm industry and the entire economy. They have therefore come out against a devaluation and prefer to avoid wage increases. The Manufacturers' Association director general Arnon Tiberg has declared that the economic recession has brought about an increase in unit labour costs, but the manufacturers agree that productivity will rise as a result of economic recovery. In such case, they would not rule out wage increments.

The industrialists claim the stability will help them raise money in the capital market, especially if the government fulfils its promise of partially withdrawing from financial markets. They believe that such a situation can create a climate favourable to capital raising at unlinked terms.

The public, for its part, has fallen in love with price stability. It has shown that it is willing to pay for its peace of mind. After a decade of inflation, the public is finally able to keep money in its pocket without rushing to the banks and being confused about where and how to protect its money from the inroads of inflation. Suddenly, the public is again comparing prices and taking its time before making purchases. Stocks of goods again pile up in stores and factories, not in the houses of private consumers.

Mindful of the fact that the government's deficit will dictate an annual inflation rate of at least 20 per cent, Moda'i has backed down from his original plan to completely abolish indexation clauses in the wage agreement. But the wage increments the government is now willing to discuss will be only partially linked to inflation; they will also be a function of increased workers' productivity.

That is the Treasury's position: a wage agreement still needs to be hammered out. Judging from past experience, however, such agreements are more a statement of intentions than anything else. Actual developments have often been dependent more on inflation and economic activity than on collective labour accord.

Squaring off for negotiations

ROY ISACOWITZ

THE NATIONAL wage agreements in the private and public sectors expire at the end of this month, as does the agreement covering the cost of living increment paid in both sectors. Negotiations between the Histadrut and the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations, representing the private sector employers, are due to begin on Sunday.

The Histadrut is in no hurry to begin the negotiations. Tradition holds that an expired agreement remains in force until replaced — and the Histadrut is not opposed to a temporary continuation of the status quo. The employers, however, have been agitating for some time for a start to the talks.

The first round will concentrate on the cost of living increment, which traditionally is negotiated in the private sector but honoured by the state. The existing agreement provides for payment of the increment, at a rate of 80 per cent of the erosion, every three months, or whenever inflation reaches 12 per cent. In the days of hyper-inflation, that entailed payment every month.

The employers, backed by the Treasury, intend demanding lower compensation at greater time intervals. The logic behind the demand is that inflation in the coming year is expected to be substantially lower than it was at the time the current agreement was signed. The Histadrut, for its part, sees no reason to change the agreement, arguing that if inflation is low, little compensation will be paid.

Much will depend on the inflation forecasts of the two sides. An indication of the Histadrut's expectations was the recent calculation of the Histadrut budget for fiscal year 1986, according to an annual inflation rate of 44 per cent. That, in the labour federation's opinion would justify payment of the C-o-L increment every three months. The Treasury and the private employers tend to predict annual inflation between 20 and 30 per cent.

The Histadrut's (relatively) high estimate may stem from the expecta-



Eli Hurvitz (left), manufacturers' leader, and Histadrut Secretary General Yisrael Kessar.



tion that government policy and the state budget will be altered to provide for economic growth. It is commonly accepted that the introduction of investment or bail-out funds into the economy will increase inflation somewhat — a price which the Histadrut believes is worth paying.

THE LACK of clarity regarding future economic policy is the prime reason for the Histadrut's reluctance to enter into wage negotiations now. Unless a growth and "socially-conscious" policy is introduced, a Histadrut leader said recently, there will be no basis for discussion. The government decided last week to inject some \$450 million into the economy, though few of those who participated in the decision seemed to know how it would be done.

It is safe to assume that the Histadrut will continue to demand further changes in the draft budget, particularly in health, education and welfare, before it accepts the budget as a suitable background against which to build wage agreements.

The Histadrut is in a bind, being both employer and representative of the employees. Its devotion to the cause of growth stems from both its concern about unemployment and its concern about the wobbly financial state of several Histadrut concerns. But what is good for the workers is not necessarily good for the employers, and vice versa.

The Histadrut and the CBO

agreed last week to hold a series of meetings with the aim of reconciling their respective growth plans. (Other plans have been drawn up by a variety of ministers and government teams.) The differences between the plans are marked, but so are the similarities. Both, for instance, place great store in lowered interest rates, relaxed credit opportunities and increased productivity. The talks about the plans could provide a launching pad for the wage negotiations that will follow.

On the wages front, as on the C-o-L front, statistics will play an important role. Histadrut figures are expected to show a wage erosion of between 12 and 20 per cent over the past year; the employers will undoubtedly show single-figure erosion, if that.

The difference is crucial. The Histadrut intends demanding moderate, graduated wage supplements over the course of the agreement, to compensate for past wage erosion. The Treasury and the employers are dead set against wage supplements unless linked to increased productivity. The Histadrut, as an employer is also keen on increased productivity, but not as a condition for wage supplements.

In place of wage supplements, which would be integrated into gross wages, the Treasury is prepared to offer net wage increases through income tax reductions. That, the Treasury maintains, would raise net

wages to levels higher than those prevailing before the introduction of the recovery plan.

The Histadrut is adamantly opposed to reliance on net wage increases, arguing that they would bypass the 30 per cent of wage earners in the lowest bracket who do not pay income tax at all. The same would apply to pensioners. Finally, the Histadrut argues that relying on tax reductions would enable the Treasury to raise or reduce wages according to whim.

IT IS dangerous to predict the outcome before the talks have even begun. But if past experience is anything to go by, a possible compromise will entail minimal national wage supplements, linked indirectly to productivity, with the major part of the supplement left for negotiation on a branch, or union basis. The strong unions should have little problem in negotiating supplements to their liking; the weaker unions, operating in the shadow of unemployment, will have to take what they can get.

Another disputed statistic of great, though less direct, importance will be the number of unemployed. Histadrut officials maintain that the jobless rate is likely to exceed 10 per cent of the workforce by late summer — and on that they base their entire growth approach.

However, Treasury figures indicate that unemployment is down to 5.5 per cent and falling. That, in addition to the general growth trend in the government, would seem to indicate that the economy is likely to be relatively buoyant in the months ahead, though the bounce may well be artificial.

Given the uncertainty over the post-recovery period, the Histadrut intends demanding that the new agreements be limited to one year, instead of the usual two. On the surface, it is a reasonable request; though the Likud opposition in the Histadrut has been quick to label it a political ploy by the labour federation's Labour leadership. In Israel's over-heated political climate, most economic measures are open to political interpretation.

Embarrassing quirks

MEIR MERHAV and SHLOMO MAOZ

of credit, managed to expand it, forcing businesses and entire economic sectors to the brink of financial collapse.

But the Bank may have had another objective — not openly stated — to increase the profitability of the commercial banks so that the government would not have to redeem the bank shares under the ignominious "bank share arrangement." If that too was at the back of the central bank's monetary policy, it has failed in that as well. For one thing, the high debitory interest rates required commensurately high credit interest rates. For another thing, the banks ended up with a choice of claiming the paper profits of high interest rates added on to unrepayable principals, or of writing off the profits, as well as the principal, as bad debts.

Meanwhile, essentially sound firms and sectors have been forced to the wall. Some owners of liquid capital have made a fortune from high credit interest rates on *tapas*, *pakam* and *makam* accounts. Productive, long-term investment has become more remote than ever. For astute businessmen, the watchword has been liquidity.

The irrefutable argument will promptly be put up that if it hadn't been for the high interest rates, things would have been worse. Credit would have expanded even more, and the stabilization policy would have been undone even before its results became noticeable. The argument that "if it hadn't been for me and what I did, things would have been worse" has always been the stock-in-trade of bureaucrats. It can't be refuted. And it's always wrong.

• The Strange Case of Recession with Declining Unemployment

Right after the adoption of the economic recovery programme, even government officials predicted that unemployment would rise as high as 7, 8, or 9 per cent. Non-governmental commentators were more pessimistic — they predicted as much as 10 per cent unemployment by March this year. That is still likely to happen. But what has happened so far?

Unemployment indeed rose to 7.8 per cent in the third quarter of 1985, but then it declined to 6.7 per cent in the last quarter and, according to the latest reports, it now stands at 5.5 per cent — considerably less than before the economic recovery programme.

One explanation is that the public has defended its customary living standards by reducing its rate of savings, thus keeping aggregate demand higher than it would be if the cut in real wages expressed itself fully in a fall of aggregate demand.

Another explanation may be that there has been a sizeable import substitution effect. There was last year a decline of some 180,000 in the number of Israelis who went abroad where, in addition to enjoying the sights, they also packed their suitcases full of all kinds of goodies. It stands to reason that cash that would have normally been spent on foreign travel and its purchases was diverted to purchases at home.

Another factor may have worked in much the same direction. Normally, some 20,000 established families — that is to say, not counting young couples or immigrants — buy new flats every year, selling their old flats and adding their savings so as to move into bigger and more comfortable apartments. It may be that many of these, facing low prices for their old apartments, now preferred to keep their savings liquid and hesitated to put it into real estate. Part of the savings that would otherwise

have gone into new flats may have been diverted to improving the old ones — boosting demand for renovation and all kinds of durable goods.

• Price Controls as Import Barriers

Price controls, most economists agree, are inefficient in the long run. They distort relative prices and cannot really be enforced for long, especially where services are concerned. But strangely enough, the price controls imposed when the recovery programme was launched eight months ago have by and large worked well where the main components of private consumption are concerned. It seems that the high degree of concentration, in the production stage as well as in marketing, has made it relatively easy to control prices. The controllers do not have to take products off the shelf — in most cases they can just check the computer print-outs of the goods. Take into account that with the erosion of real wages and the fall in commodity prices the price controls have not been very onerous — the protests of the manufacturers are fairly muted, and their main demand is for lower interest rates — and there is much of the explanation for the success of price controls.

Most of the offences caught are, in effect, in areas where prices are difficult to check, or where the good or service is not one of mass demand. This has made it possible, for example, for physicians in private practice to raise their fees by 30 per cent.

But the price controls have also in part become a non-tariff barrier to imports, particularly for goods imported from Europe and Japan. With prices fixed against a rising value of the currencies for which the imports have to be bought, certain goods just disappeared. Pictures substitute for actual displays of goods such as Sony electronic products, accompanied by a notice saying that the item is "not in stock at present."

That, too, has an import substitution effect. Money that would have been spent on imported videos, TVs, refrigerators, cars and what not is, at least in part, spent on domestic products. Not too bad, when all is said and done, despite the textbooks.

• Stagnation and Technical Retardation

In the debate over economic growth, a whole economic school in Israel has it that there is really no great need for increasing investment, because there is a lot of underutilized capacity, accumulated in the years when capital was highly subsidized. Within fairly broad limits, so the theory goes, growth — even export-oriented growth — is possible by measures leading to a more intensive use of the existing capital stock.

There are several "things wrong with the theory," even if we ignore that it rests largely on a statistical artifact — the estimate of the capital stock. The first thing wrong with the "no investment" argument is that the excess capacity might indeed be used to supply domestic demand, to which most of it has been geared. But that is not what we want: We want exports — and for that the existing underutilized capacity is largely useless. Exports have always enjoyed sufficient government support to keep the exporters in profit. Therefore, if they had the productive capacity, they would long ago have used it for exports. If they haven't, it is because they couldn't — the goods they can produce with their existing capacity aren't exportable. They are the wrong kind, don't have the necessary quality, or cost too much.

The second thing wrong with the argument is that to export more, you must not simply increase your existing output, but you must produce and offer new and different products. The trend of industry is that new goods require new, specialized machinery to produce them. The existing machinery won't do.

The third thing wrong with the argument is that when investment falls to the mere replacement level, where it has been for years now, technical progress is retarded. Replacement means just what it says — the replacement of individual pieces of equipment that have become worn out. The replacements have to fit into the existing production line, and that means that they perpetuate an obsolescent technology.

Costless growth, without investment, is a pipe dream. Technical progress, leading to higher productivity and providing new, exportable products, depends on net investment rather than the utilization of some theoretically existing but antiquated productive capacity.

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It is incumbent upon all thinking people to force themselves not to be swept along in the boogie surrounding the growth crisis and the debt crisis. First of all, they are one and the same thing — the so-called growth crisis stems from the need to save a whole bunch of outfits that are caught up in their debts.

Then, once that political point is clear, it is possible to start unravelling the tangled ball called "the debt crisis." For simplicity's sake, let's assume that there are only four big debtors making all the trouble, namely Soli Boneh, Kipat Holim, Eiscint and Zim. Instead of lumping them all together, which is what everyone has been trying to do for weeks, it is more illuminating to separate the different issues.

Thus one can immediately say that we are not talking about firms or concerns, but at best — about economic entities. Even this loose title may not be sufficiently broad to cover something like Kipat Holim, for how do you treat an organization of that size and with those aims?

It has been accepted to lump Kipat Holim with the others, but this is grossly distorting. The health fund is not supposed to make profits, nor even necessarily cover its expenses. On the other hand, it should administer itself in a tolerably efficient manner, to monitor cash-flow and debts outstanding.

Yet the debate over Kipat Holim seems centered on how it is to raise money, rather than how it ought to run itself. The only genuine common factor between Kipat Holim and the others is that they are all large organizations and were all managed terribly. Their debts are used to put them all in the same boat, quite unjustly.

Then there is the comparison between Soli Boneh and Eiscint, as if they had the same problems with the same solutions. But in reality the problems are utterly different and the solutions are that Eiscint slash and shrink in order to stay in the race and then move ahead again, while Soli Boneh is supposed to slash and shrink, period.

Nor are either of these unlikely bedfellows in any way comparable to Zim. The minor difference here is that while Eiscint and Soli Boneh are losing money hand over fist, Zim is making handsome profits. Its debt rescheduling is therefore a vital but largely technical operation. One might say that Zim is a walking wounded, while the others are stretcher cases.

And so it goes. The moshavim and kibbutzim are heaped together into the agricultural sector, although they have wildly different problems. The uninformed may prefer generalities, but economically literate citizens, particularly the taxpayers amongst them, should pay attention to how their money is being spent.

BOURSAWEEK

The share market marked time for several days, enjoying what is known as a "profit-taking de luxe." Sellers found buyers happy to take their goods with little or no change in price. Then, yesterday, the market exploded upwards again.

The statistics column today illuminates the extent of yesterday's boom. It was the strongest single day in the current rally, which is now about one month old. It also attracted the largest turnover in shares since last summer. At the same time, the bond market remains dormant, while the Treasury bill market is chugging along because the mutual funds are so full of cash they don't know what to do with it.

The fuel for the boom remains the government's determination to save everything in sight (see above) and with interest rates likely to drop again next week, more rises may be in sight. Many brokers are convinced that in order to rise much further, the market must first experience a bona fide correction.

Cautious professionals fear the intrusion of an exogenous event that might send the whole market slumping. They also believe that there are almost no shares worth buying at today's prices. But economic gains were never a big problem for the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

School-books likely to cost 60-100% more

The cost of school-books will rise by 60 to 100 per cent as a result of new Industry and Trade Ministry guidelines that disqualify book publishers from receiving tax breaks. Education Ministry Director-General Eliezer Shmueli warned yesterday.

Governor, it's time to go

By SHLOMO MAOZ

A real annual interest rate of 242 per cent would be considered too high even by Mafia loan-sharks. So said Chamber of Commerce president Dan Gilerman last September, when the Bank of Israel imposed rates so high that usury wouldn't come up to their knees.

Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum has shown amazing flexibility over the years in order to satisfy his bosses. He's been blessed with the unique ability not only to understand what the current ruler wants, but even to prove that this policy is the best by buttressing it with the appropriate theories. This ability is what brought him the high position he now holds.

Former finance minister Yoram Andor was not disappointed by the support Mandelbaum gave him. The next finance minister Yigal Cohen-Orad, got just as much support from the central bank for policies the opposite of Andor's.

"Have flexibility, will travel," got Mandelbaum his job and kept it for him. But he got in trouble with the bank share scandal and the high interest affair.

Under continuing public pressure, a commission of inquiry was set up to investigate the bank share scandal. Prime Minister Peres preferred setting up a commission to making hard decisions about specific individuals.

The commission investigates and its conclusions will one day be good material for a history of banking and speculation in Israel. But in the

meantime, those who received warnings from the commission, including Mandelbaum, continue to hold central posts in the economy, as if nothing had happened.

Mandelbaum and his loyal crony Victor Medina, head of the central bank's monetary department, apparently did not believe that the government's economic programme of last year would succeed. There's no other explanation for their insistence on setting interest rates high enough to embarrass the Mafia.

Those interest rates skinned firms and institutions alive, and the string of bankruptcies began. Despite pleas from manufacturers and requests from the ministers of energy, industry and economics and Minister Without Portfolio Yigal Hurvitz, the Bank of Israel put off reducing interest rates until the entire economic programme was in danger.

When the inquiry commission's warning convinced Mandelbaum that he had little chance of being picked for a second term, he lost his flexibility and learned to be stubborn. The situation reached a point where Prime Minister Peres had to censure Mandelbaum over the high interest rates.

At the beginning of last October, Mandelbaum sought support for his interest policy. The Bank of Israel put out a press release saying the U.S. Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker — who met Mandelbaum at the International Monetary Fund meeting in Seoul — believed that high interest rates were needed

to bring down demand. But this week the *Al Hanishmar* newspaper revealed that Volcker did not express an opinion on interest rates in this country.

Peres on this week's TV *Moked* programme emphasized that ministers must report everything to him, including economics. If that's the case, what stopped him weighing the balance in favour of lower interest? Only now, when Kipat Holim comes cap in hand and Soli Boneh is going broke, it dawns on Peres what the theories about high interest really mean.

The Bank of Israel injected the equivalent of \$220 million into the economy within half a year to keep interest rates up, hurting the economy, as printing money always does. The business sector paid \$560m. to the financial sector in the first half-year of the economic programme. But after all this, things are back at square one.

Maybe the health fund can get intensive care and Soli Boneh can be rebuilt. But what about all the companies that were skinned alive by the central bank's policy adopted with the tacit consent of the Finance Ministry? And if the banks are obligated to give back some of the money, will they be able to ask back some of the funds they themselves paid out to their customers in high interest?

In the name of God, Dr. Mandelbaum — Go!

And if you don't know the way, maybe Mr. Peres can show you.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Indices:

General Share Index	107.88	+1.97%
Non-Bank Index	124.90	+3.79%
Arrangement	100.30	+1.02%
Insurance	137.58	+5.19%
Commerce, Services	125.58	+3.81%
Real Estate	149.25	+4.48%
Industrials	118.14	+3.64%
Textiles	141.42	+3.50%
Metals	120.29	+2.80%
Electronics	99.86	+4.23%
Chemicals	113.27	+2.43%
Industrial Invest.	126.16	+5.37%
Investment Cos.	133.08	+3.73%
General Bond Index	98.88	+0.03%
Index-linked Bonds	99.18	+0.05%
Fully-linked	100.41	+0.06%
Partially-linked	98.40	+0.03%
Dollar-linked Bonds	98.48	+0.00%
Short-term 0-2 yrs	98.89	+0.05%
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	98.75	+0.04%
Long-term 5+ yrs	97.96	+0.02%

Turnovers:

Shares — total	NIS 14,493,900
Arrangement	NIS 4,554,700
Non-bank	NIS 9,939,200
Bonds — total	NIS 3,708,300
Index-linked	NIS 2,211,600
Dollar-linked	NIS 1,496,700
Treasury Bills	NIS 6,269,000

Share Movements:

Advances	290	(196)
of which 5%+	137	(76)
"buyers only"	41	(24)
Declines	25	(89)
of which 5%+	9	(19)
"sellers only"	0	(3)
Unchanged	81	(10)
Trading Halt	44	(50)

Bond Market Trends:

Index-linked	Mixed to 1%
3% fully-linked	

4.25% fully-linked	Mixed to 3%
80% linked	Minor movement
90% linked	Slight rises
Double-linked	Mixed to 1%
Dollar-linked	
Admon	Minor movements
Rimon	Falls to 0.5%
Gilboa	Falls to 1.5%
For. Curr.	
denominated	Rises to 2%
Treasury Bills	1.54% to 1.82%
(monthly yield)	

Arrangement yields:

IDB ord.	13.28%
Union 0.1	13.71%
Discount A	13.58%
Mizrahi r.	13.50%
Hapoalim r.	13.81%
General A	13.46%
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DISCOUNT	28.2	8-17%	9-17%	10-17%
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STG	11.250	10.875	10.625
DMK	3.625	3.625	3.625
SFR	3.125	3.125	3.125
YEN	4.125	4.000	3.975

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GERMANY	MARK	0.8543	0.8625	0.85	0.88	0.8595
FRANCE	FRANC	0.2128	0.2154	0.21	0.22	0.2144
HOLLAND	GULDEN	0.5791	0.5863	0.57	0.60	0.5842
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	0.7731	0.7828	0.76	0.80	0.7788
SWEDEN	KRONA	0.2030	0.2055	0.20	0.21	0.2046
NORWAY	KRONE	0.2076	0.2102	0.20	0.21	0.2053
DENMARK	KRONE	0.1771	0.1793	0.17	0.18	0.1786
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Summer Time

THE ANTI-AGUDA list of Sephardi Torah Guardians was welcomed, when it was formed on the eve of the last general elections, even by people not wholly committed to the rabbinical worldview.

True, Shas represented no open revolt against the anti-Zionist leadership of Agudat Yisrael, except insofar as it related to the political power and material benefits that had been systematically denied the Aguda's Sephardi constituency by the Ashkenazi-dominated Council of Torah Sages. But since that constituency, like the entire Sephardi community, was reputed to be rather more moderate than the Ashkenazi in matters of state and religion and the treatment of the Arabs, it was expected that moderation would mark the conduct of Shas as well.

It took the four-man Shas faction in the Knesset little time to blow any such expectations to smithereens, after it joined the national unity government under Prime Minister Shimon Peres. Any difference between Shas and the Aguda turned out to be for the worse.

Typically, it was in response to a Shas inquiry that the Sephardi Chief Rabbi, Mordechai Eliahu, issued his halachic edict banning the sale of Jewish property in Eretz Yisrael to gentiles. The inquiry had been prompted by a leader of Shas, Nissim Ze'ev, a deputy mayor of Jerusalem, calling for the exclusion of Arabs - whom he described as pimps employing Jewish women - from the Jerusalem neighbourhood of Neve Ya'acov, and for the razing of the Old City so as to rid it of Arabs.

Earlier, Shas MK Shimon Ben-Shlomo gained his own share of notoriety by blaming the death of IDF servicemen in Lebanon on the "immorality" of women soldiers.

That nothing in this world is accidental is indeed the best advertised thesis of the party's top leader, Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, who presides over the Interior Ministry. A genial, sweet-talking scholar, it was he who gave the reason for the death of a busful of Petah Tikva school-children in a railroad crossing accident as the desecration of the Shabbat in their home-town.

But the good rabbi does not confine his efforts to spreading what he considers to be the teaching of the Torah, he also uses his ministerial powers to force it down the throats of the unwilling people of Israel.

Late last month he appointed a committee to examine the efficacy of Summer Time, on the basis of the 140-day experience gathered last year and the data provided during a shorter period the year before, when the then interior minister, the NRP's Yosef Burg, had been ordered to implement it by the High Court. The committee is to report to the minister within a month, which would make it a trifle difficult for Rabbi Peretz to study it carefully before deciding whether or not to endorse Energy Minister Moshe Shahal's plan for a six-month Summer Time starting on March 29.

Why the long delay? Especially since it was on September 28 last that a ministry spokesman said the committee would be set up "within a few days"?

It is surely not accidental, as Rabbi Peretz would say. The minister opposes Summer Time, and would like to frustrate Mr. Shahal's plan, if not in toto then at least in part. He is not impressed by the \$4.6 million worth of electricity saved by moving the clock forward last summer, and by the fact - attested by a Technion poll - that almost everyone in this country, secular and observant alike, likes Summer Time.

Out-Burging Dr. Burg, he insists that Summer Time would make it hard for the pious to say their morning prayers, and that theatres and cafes might be tempted to reopen too early Saturday night.

Using his ministerial powers, then, he is trying to make sure that his religious convictions, buttressed as they are by Shas's political clout, will override the convenience of the public and the welfare of the state. This, unfortunately, is moderation Shas-style.

Exit Ponomarev

WHEN THE 27th congress of the Soviet communist party opened last week it was obvious that it would not turn out to be the historic breakthrough which some people in the West eagerly awaited. Now that the congress has ended, it is hardly necessary to point out that it was not.

In his valedictory yesterday, Mikhail Gorbachev struck a note of sober optimism, free of eschatological expectations. Departing from time-hallowed tradition, the youngish - by recent Soviet standards - general secretary avoided any reference to the achievement of fully fledged communism as the ultimate goal of Soviet society. He did pledge, less than realistically perhaps, the doubling of the Soviet gross national product by the year 2000. But that was still a far cry from Nikita Khrushchev's silly boast, at the 22nd congress in 1961, that the Soviet economy would overtake its American rival within two decades.

The party congress served as the right forum for consolidating the general secretary's authority and for getting rid of some of the more obnoxious leftovers from past administrations, including the one headed by the late, and hardly lamented, Leonid Brezhnev.

Yet, even after the congress, Mr. Gorbachev remains largely what he was before it opened: a powerful chairman of the board, not a dictator who brooks no opposition. There appears to have been some fierce debate at the party congress, even over such a well-entrenched institution as special privileges for the Soviet *nomenclatura*. And several headline party officials, whom Mr. Gorbachev would reportedly have liked to step down, kept their posts.

Not all of them, however, by any means. In managing - by a shrewd last minute maneuver, it seems - the ouster of Boris Ponomarev as head of the central committee's international department, the general secretary scored a major coup, and may have opened fresh vistas for a future detente. During his forty or so years as the Kremlin's top manipulator of the world communist movement, the now octogenarian Ponomarev steered Soviet policy, even in the face of opposition by the Soviet Foreign Ministry, along a path of ruthless aggressive expansionism.

It was this godfather of world terrorism - including its Palestinian wing - who masterminded the Soviet anti-Zionist campaign, and who lurked behind most efforts to obstruct any attempt to improve Soviet-Israeli relations. His likely replacement, after having been appointed party secretary - not to be confused with general secretary - is the veteran Soviet ambassador to Washington, Anatoly Dobrynin. Mr. Dobrynin is no communist dove, but, having represented the Kremlin in the U.S. for some 25 years, he is - relatively speaking - a man of sense.

This reshuffle does not bode any diplomatic revolution in the Kremlin. But it may suffice to keep alive the hope of an easing of present draconian restrictions on Jewish emigration to Israel.

KLM AIRLINE OF THE YEAR.

No idle threat

HIRSH GOODMAN

SYRIAN President Hafez Assad's speech last week hardly made the headlines here, despite its implicit threats of war against Israel. Either his words were lost in the deluge of news from other quarters, or else we have become so attuned to hearing threats from Assad that we simply don't listen any more.

Whichever is true, Assad is a man worth taking seriously, and those who continue to argue that logic precludes Syria from initiating a one-to-one conflict with Israel - without the participation of other Arab states - are guilty of the same arrogant myopia that caught Israel unawares in 1973. Then, too, intellectual acrobatics obfuscated the clear message being given by Arab leaders that war was their intention.

One hears a lot of rhetoric from Assad, and it is not always easy to distinguish between what is being said for internal and pan-Arab consumption and what is being said for real, but the assumption of impending conflict is not based on words alone. For the past three years Assad has been building up his army systematically, thoroughly and relentlessly, despite Syria's dire economic situation and the pressures of its continued debilitating military involvement in Lebanon. Internal instability and isolation in the Arab world have not stood in the way of Assad's march towards what he calls "strategic parity" with Israel - the ability to engage Israel in limited conflict.

Furthermore, all the conditions for conflict exist. There is still the potential flash point of the Syrian Sam-2 anti-aircraft missiles deployed on the Syrian-Lebanese border. Syria is opposed to any movement on the peace front between Israel and Jordan and could use military escalation to deflect progress.

Conflict with Israel would cause a rift in the pro-Western Cairo-Amman-Baghdad axis that has overshadowed Assad's leadership of the Arab world.

The aftermath of confrontation could generate the conditions that would give Assad a trump card regarding future negotiations over the Golan.

Assad should be taken at his word when he threatens that, unless the

Golan is returned to Syria by diplomatic means, "the Golan will be the centre of Syria."

Syria cannot conquer all of Israel, and that is not Assad's intention, just as it was not the intention of the late president Anwar el-Sadat when, in 1972, he warned that he was prepared to lose a million men in regaining the Sinai peninsula from Israel.

Sadat wanted no more than to cross the Suez Canal, penetrate the Sinai by about 10 kilometres and create the circumstances for negotiating the return of all of Sinai to Egypt.

WHEN MILITARY analysts here look at Syrian intentions, they see a sudden, limited Syrian military maneuver aimed at a "land grab" on the Golan and the injection of enough forces into the captured area to preserve it from Israeli counter-attack until a cease-fire has been imposed by a nervous world. Syrian tactics presumably would be to concentrate these forces in a relatively small area of operation, ready to sacrifice them in order to exact a heavy price from Israel should it decide on a major counter-offensive.

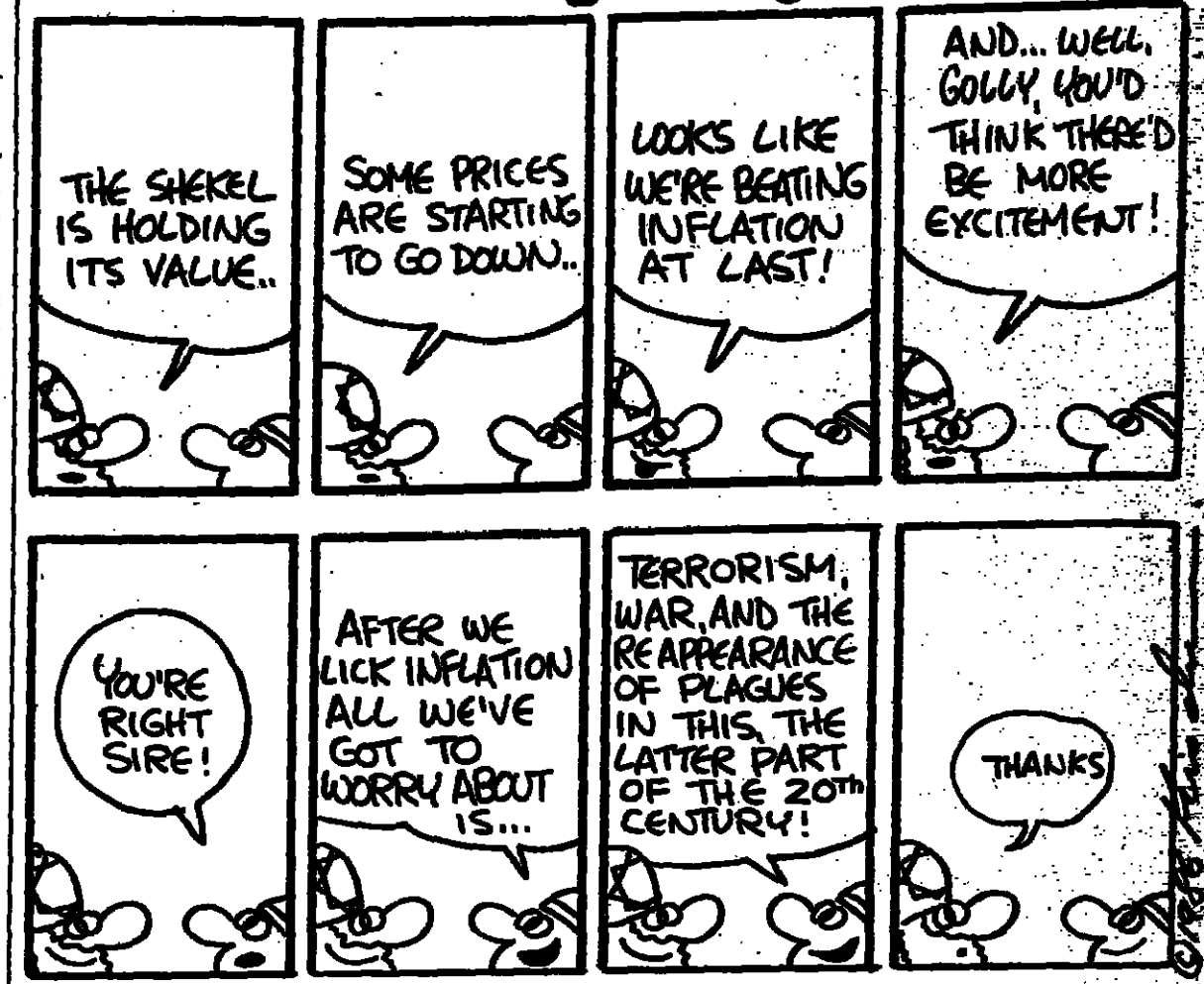
While Israel continues to enjoy complete land and air superiority, the IDF would face three objective difficulties. Since 1982, when Israel attacked the Syrian Sam batteries in the Bekaa, the Syrians have invested heavily in advanced anti-aircraft missiles, carefully applying the lessons they learned then.

Their missiles are now highly mobile, electronically protected and deadly, and even the optimists concerned with strategic analysis are fearful of the price our own force may pay in a counter-attack on a small defined area bristling with Sams.

On land, a major part of Israel's army is based on reserves, giving the Syrians a distinct advantage if their military move is swift, stealthy and confined to a limited objective.

Given Syria's ability to unleash volleys of SS-21 and other ground-to-ground rockets against Israeli pre-positioning sites, and its ability to reach major Israeli strategic and civilian targets by means of artillery, rocketry and aircraft should the conflict escalate beyond the local arena, Israel's response could be muted.

The Friday Dry Bones



with the government prepared to accept a cease-fire as an alternative to total and expensive war.

The platitude about the Arabs wanting to throw the Jews into the sea is not necessarily consistent with Syrian military thinking. The Syrians do not need and do not want total war with Israel, but rather limited war in order to achieve interim goals.

From Israel's point of view, any conflict, no matter how limited, means yet another serious obstacle on the path to economic recovery, discourages aliya and reinforces the feeling of Israelis that there is no light at the end of the tunnel. Most important of all, no matter how limited the human loss for Israel, it is an unacceptable loss.

For Israel to deter a limited Syrian offensive it has to project the message that, from Israel's viewpoint, any infraction of the *status quo* means total war and that Israel will respond with disproportionate means to even a limited provocation. A "land grab" would mean that

Damascus could be threatened: Syria would not be allowed to dictate the dimensions of the conflict. Moreover, in no circumstances will Israel be taken by surprise - even the slightest hint of war could spark a pre-emptive response.

These two threats - a disproportionate response and a pre-emptive one - are hopefully enough to deter the Syrians from what may seem to them a logical reason for a fight. From his point of view, Assad may have achieved strategic parity, but only if the war is to be fought within the limits he dictates.

Is this message credible and how long can it continue to defer what seems to be an almost inevitable explosion? At what point will Assad's demagoguery be transformed into reality?

THE ANSWERS are not known, but what has to be assumed is that the response to Assad's verbal challenges cannot be governed by the same ostrich mentality that governed Israel's responses in 1973.

Then, too, Israel found reasons to

explain why Egypt could not attack. There are those repeating that mistake now, reasoning that Assad is too weak, too isolated, and too troubled by internal problems to launch a war.

What has probably deterred Assad more than anything else during these past tension-filled months from destabilizing the situation is the aggressive pattern of Israeli responses to other threats. The bombing of the PLO's headquarters in Tunisia, the interception of the jet supposedly carrying Ahmed Jibril, and especially the recent massive strike into the area north of the security zone in Lebanon - all these are indicative of a defence policy in which threats are not idle.

But Israel is also vulnerable and this country's vulnerability is its greatest enemy. To intensify this inherent weakness by complacency would be to repeat the fatal mistake of 1973. Except that this time, the price would be incomparably higher.

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READERS' LETTERS

SHCHARANSKY'S ARRIVAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I was privileged to be among several thousand Jews who celebrated the arrival of Anatoly Shcharansky at Ben-Gurion Airport. I was somewhat shocked by the fact that the vast majority of the people there were from the "religious" camp. Where was the rest of Israel?

Every spring, more than 100,000 Jews gather in New York City on "Solidarity Sunday" to show their support for Soviet Jews. The uniqueness of that event lies in the fact that all segments of the Jewish population are represented, cutting across all boundaries. The plight of Soviet Jewry has always united the Jewish community.

At this time of growing division within Israel, an historic occasion such as Shcharansky's arrival was a rare opportunity to express Jewish unity. Soviet Jewry is not a religious issue; it is an Am Yisrael issue.

CHAIM MARDER
Alon Shvut.

Sir, - I am deeply moved that at last, Natan Shcharansky is finally

free. For the rest of my life, I will remember the glorious moment when I watched him arrive in Israel outside Ben Gurion Airport with thousands of other well wishers.

Amidst the tears of happiness, I was upset when Yosef Mendelewich declared that only one community, the religious right, was dancing and singing and cheering at the airport. He said that there should have been hundreds of thousands.

Yes, indeed, there should have been hundreds of thousands. However, this is not a question of "religious" or "non-religious" people. One community did sing, dance and cheer - the Jewish People, albeit too few.

As a non-religious Jew, I must question Mr. Mendelewich's statement. From the Overseas Student Programme at Tel Aviv University alone, 150 students, 75 per cent of our programme, welcomed Shcharansky to Israel. Most of us are "non-religious" and several non-Jews also participated.

JONATHAN FELDSTEIN
Ramat Aviv.

ROTATION PACT MUST BE KEPT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - The main coalition parties of the national unity government agreed that a rotation of prime ministers should take effect on October 13, 1986. Now, as the time for rotation approaches, some coalition ministers and other political personalities are exerting considerable pressure on the parties involved to renege on the agreement. As this can only be accomplished by bringing down the government, they try to provoke a government crisis on any possible occasion. They did so in connection with Taba and now in connection with the national economic discussions.

In order that their intended breach of contract should look more respectable, some of these politicians claim they do it for the sake of the "peace process." This is a very lame excuse. Not even a real peace process and even less the imaginary one we have would justify such dishonourable conduct and bringing down the government.

It is not only immoral, but irresponsible and reckless, because not one of the major parties will be able to set up an effective majority government, and the inevitable outcome will be new, costly elections, which we certainly cannot afford. Moreover, it is unlikely that new elections will result in the "desired" results which would enable our government-wreckers to establish a government to their liking. The only sure result of new elections will be that the pre-conditions for an economic recovery, achieved at the cost of enormous sacrifices, will be dissipated in no time.

Our busy government-wreckers must desist.

Netanya. PAUL LAX

NORTHERN IRELAND AND ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - In David Richardson's article on the conflict between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland which has been going on for over 300 years (February 21), he fails to note that this conflict was supposed to have come to an end with the emergence of a free and independent Catholic Irish State in 80 per cent of Ireland around 65 years ago. Yet this partition of Ireland, which left the Protestants with less than 20 per cent of the country, did not satisfy the Catholics, many of whom continued to agitate and even use terror in order to liquidate the small Protestant entity in the North and to demand that it be annexed to the Catholic South.

In our area too, the British in the 1920s sought to appease the Arab opposition to the Jews by giving them 80 per cent of the territory of the Palestine Mandate and leaving the Jews a mere 20 per cent. Yet, this

partition did not satisfy the Arabs who continued to use terror against the Jews. A further partition of the Jewish area of Palestine was made by the UN in 1947 and gave the Jews only about 10 per cent of Palestine. Yet this too was not accepted as a fair settlement by the Arabs who launched an all-out war against the new-born Jewish State. Even after the 1948 war in which the Arabs were defeated but managed to conquer Judea, Samaria and Gaza, they still refused to make peace with Israel.

What this shows is that the issue here, as in Northern Ireland, is not one of territory but of Jewish national and religious survival. Until the entire Arab and Moslem world is willing to accept the existence of a Jewish state in the Middle East, there can be no resolution of the Arab-Israel conflict.

JOSHUA J. ADLER
Jerusalem.

THE CROWN COMPLEX

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Abraham Rabinovich's rather vindictive diatribe ("Capital change" - February 7) against the so-called religious extremists of Jerusalem seems a most uncultured way to welcome the new addition to the "cultural face of the city."

The author does protest too much. People who really love culture simply fill their lives with as much theatre, art, music, etc. as possible and should have no need to see themselves as heroes locked in combat with the forces of darkness (!).

In fact, I am quite sure that Colonel Crown's generous contribution

was intended positively - as cultural enrichment *per se*, and not as a "battle for the soul of the city" in a so-called "cultural war." For this, he deserves our heartfelt gratitude.

ROCHEL SYLVESTKY
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WALDHEIM

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The World Jewish Congress said Wednesday it had photographs of Waldheim with a Nazi commander responsible for the deportation of 42,000 Greek Jews. (see photo p.2)

Heinrich Duermayer, head of Austrian state police in 1945-47, told the Associated Press: "The Vienna state police, under my leadership, never investigated him, and there was no Waldheim file."

"We had no reason to investigate Waldheim at the time, because he was not an important man."

Waldheim joined the Austrian Foreign Ministry in 1946, and his appointment as an office assistant was officially announced in January 1947. He rose to become foreign minister in the People's Party government of 1966-70 and headed the UN in the 1972-82 period. (AP, Reuters)

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